ANNO XXI. HENRICI VIII.

STATVTA ADREMP. ſpectantia, edita in prima ſeſſione parliamēti, primo inchoati in ciuitate Londin. tertio die Nouēbris, Anno regni inuictiſsimi principis Henrici octaui, Angliæ & Franciæ regis, fidei defenſoris, & domini Hiberniæ. XXI. et ex ea ciuitate tam adiurnati quam prorogati ad Palatiū VVeſtmon. et ibibē continuati per. XLIIII dies, videlicet vſque ad. XVII. diem Decembris et ab eiſdem loco et die prorogati vſque ad. XXVI. diem Aprilis tunc proxime inſtantis

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THe kinge our soueraigne lorde callinge to his blessed and most gratious remembraunce the daily & manifolde dangers, wherein his good and louinge subiectes of thys hys realme of England do and may incurre by thinges done perpetrated, and committed contrary to the order of hys lawes, & hauinge alway a tender eye, with mercy, pitye & compassion towarde his sayde subiectes, myndinge of his highe goodnes and great benignitye so alwaies to imparte the same vnto them, as iustice beinge daily administred, all rigour be excluded, and the greate and beneuolent mindes of the kinges sayde subiectes largely and manye times approued towarde his highnes, by correspondence of gratuitye reacquyted, of his meere motion, benignitye, and liberalitye, by auctoritye of his parliamente hath geuen and graunted his liberall and free pardon to hys sayde good and louinge subiectes and to euery of them to be had taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, in maner and fourme ensuinge.

That is to wete, the kinges highnes of his sayd benignity and high liberality is fullye and resolutelye contented and pleased, that it be ordeined establyshed, and enacted, by auctoritye of this his sayd parliament, that all and euerye of his sayde subiectes as well spirituall as temporall, the heires successour, executours, and administratours of them and euery of theym, and all and singuler bodies in anye maner of wyse corporate, Cityes, Boroughes, shires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithynges, and euery of them, the successours and the successour of euery of them shalbe by the auctority of this present parliament acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against hys highnes, his heires, successours and executours, and euery of them, of all and all maner offences, contemptes, trespas, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaytures, penalties, profites, summes of money, peynes of deathe, and petnes corporall, and pecunyary, and generally of all other thynges, causes, quarelles, sutes, iudgementes, and executions in this present act hereafter not excepted nor forprised, whiche maye be or can be by hys highnes in any wyse or by anye meane pardoned, before and vnto the laste daye of the moneth of Octobre, in the .xxj. yeare of his mooste noble reygne, to euerye of his sayde subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and tithinges. or to any of them. And also the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that this sayd free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in lawe to euery of hys sayde subiectes of thys hys realme, and to all and euery of the sayd bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, Villages, and

tithinges, and to euery of them, by these generall wordes before reherſed, in al thinges, which be not hereafter excepted as the ſayd pardon ſhoulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, cauſes, matters ſutes, quarels, iudgmentes, execucions, penaltyes, & all other thinges not here after excepted, hadde be particularlye, ſingularly, ſpecially and plainlye pardoned, named, reherſed, and ſpecified, by proper or expreſſe wordes, and names in their kindes natures and qualities, in wordes, and termes ther vnto requiſite in the ſayd pardon, and that his ſaide ſubiectes nor anye of them their heires, executours, nor adminiſtratours, nor the heyres executours or adminiſtratours of any of them nor any of the ſayde bodies corporate, cities, borroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentaks townes villages nor tithinges, nor any of them, bee ſued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes nor cattels nor any maner matter cauſe cõtempt, miſdemeanour, forfaiture, treſpas, offence or any other thinge ſuffered, done or committed before the ſayde laſt daye of Octobre, againſt the kinges highnes, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, ſtatutes, or dignitie, but onely for ſuche cauſes, matters, and offences as be ſpecially & playnelye reherſed in the exception and forexpryſes in thys preſente pardonne hereafter mentioned, and for none other. Any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſe or preſident heretofore had, made, or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandinge.

Alſo the kynges hyghnes of his bountious liberalitye, by auctorite of this preſent parliament, grauteth, and freely giueth vnto his ſayd ſubiects and to euery of them and to euery of the ſayd bodyes corporate, citys, boroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, wapentakes, Townes, Vyllages, and tithinges, and to euery of them all ſuche goodes, cattels, kynes, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and ſommes of money, by any of them forfaited, which to his highnes do or ſhould belonge or apperteine by reaſon of any offence, contempt, miſdemeanour, treſpas, matter, cauſe, or quarell, ſuffered, done or cõmitted by them or any of thẽ, before the sayde laſt day of Octobre, whiche be not hereafter ſpecially and playnly forpryſed and excepted in this preſent pardon. And that all and euery the kinges ſaid ſubiectes, and all and euery bodyes corporate, cities, borroughes, ſhires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and tythinges, may by him ſelfe, or hys or their attourney or attourneys, pleade and miniſter this preſent acte and free pardon for his or their diſcharge of & for euery thing that is therby pardoned without any fee or other thinge therfore in any wiſe payinge to anye perſon or perſons for pleadinge, wrytynge, or entre of the iudgement, or for any other cauſe cõcerninge the ſame but only .xij.d. to the clerke that ſhal entre the plea, matter, or iudgemẽt, for his or their diſcharge in that behalfe. Any eſtatute or vſe to the contrarye notwithſtandinge.

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſente Parliamente, that his free pardon in all manner

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courtes of his lawes, and elles where shalbe reputed, deemed, and iudged, alowed, and taken aswell in the wordes and clauses, of the exceptions and forprises specified in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other clauses, wordes and sentences, mencioned and reherced in ỳ sayd fre pardon, moste beneficially and auailable to all and singuler his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and to euery of the sayd bodies corporated, cityes, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, & tithinges, and euery of theym, and most strongely in barre, and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours, in euery thinge without obstacle challenge or other delay whatsoeuer it be, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his or any of theyr generall attourney or attourneis, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne, lorde & by auctority of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of his high courtes commonly called the kinges benche, chauncery, and common place, or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feast of the Natiuity of our lord god next cõminge, make out, or write out any maner of writtes, or other proceese or any extractes, or other preceptes, wherby any person or persons of his sayde subiectes, or any of the sayde bodies corporated, Cities, boroughes, shires, rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, dystrained sommoned, or otherwise vexed, troubled, or greeued in their bodies, landes tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in anye of theym, for or because of anye maner of thinge, acquited, pardoned, released, or discharged, by this present acte of free pardon: he so offendinge, & therof lawefully condempned, shall yelde and paye for recompence thereof to the party so greened or offended, treble damages, accoumpted as parcell of those damages, all costes of the sute. And neuertheless all and singuler suche writtes, proceese, extractes, and preceptes, made or to be made, for or vpon any maner thinge acquited pardoned, released, or discharged by thys present acte of free pardon, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except alwayes & forprised out of this pardõ all maner of high treasõ all prepensed & voluntary murders, all robberies of Churches, & robberies done vpon or to men persons, all other felonies & robberies by the cõmon lawe, of felonous takinge of any money, goods, or catels aboue ỳ value of xx.s. all felonous brẽning of houses, all carnall rauishementes of women, all rasinges of recordes, all outlaries of highe treasons, & of all maner of felonies, other then felonies to the sayd value of.xx.s. or vnder that summe.

And that all other outlaries had or promulged vpon or against any person or persons for any cause not beynge treason, murther, or felony aboue the sayd summe of.xx.s. to be pardoned by the generall woordes of this par-

done aforesayde, so alway that the same persons and euery of them stande to right to answere or satisfy the party, at whose sute he is outlawed, accordynge to the lawes of this Realme. Also excepted and forprised out of thys pardon of offences, and contemptes cõmitted and done against the statute or statutes of prouision and Premunyre, or any of them, and of forfaitures and tytles that may growe to the kynges highnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, and all titles and actions of Quare impedit, all rauyshementes of the kinges wardes, all wastes of the kinges woodes in his forrestes, Parkes, or Chases: all concelementes of customes and subsidye: all riotes, rowtes, and vnlawfull assembles cõmitted and done aboue the nũbre of .xx. persons. And also excepte and forprysed out of thys pardone all issues and profites, fines, and other penalties for inclosures of landes, and issues, profites, fynes, & other penaltyes, for decaies of houses & husbandry if that the same inclosures be not reformed, and the landes put in tillage or the sayd houses not reedified before the last day of September next cõmynge. ¶ And also excepte all maner of alienacions and giftes into mortmayne or thuse of any maner of mortmayne, & all intrusions, had, made, or done in any manours, landes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of sainct Michaell ỹ archangell, which was in the .xx. yeare of the reygne of our sayd soueraigne lorde. ¶ And also all offences committed by dyggynge downe or castinge downe of any crosse or crosses, which stoode or were sette in any common or highe way or waies: And all and singuler debts, other then debtes growinge vpon recognisances beinge all redy forfayted, for surety of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

And excepted and forprised out of thys pardon all accomptes, and all actions, suites, and impeticions for the same accomptes & arrerages of accomptes, and for the saide debts or any of them hereby excepted & forprised. All homages and reliffes, all wilfull escapes, as well of cõuictes as other debts, which were due to the moste noble kinge of famous memory kinge Henry the .vii. or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligation, or other wyse. All and singuler those forfaitures due to our soueraigne lorde kinge Henrye the .viij. by any penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted in to the nature of debt by iudgemẽt or by agrement of the offendours before the fyrst daye of thys present parliament and all forfaitures & other penalties & profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte cõmitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe wherof any seasure is made, or any informatiõ geuen in the kinges eschequer, or any sute there commenced before the said firste day of thys parliament, or whereof the kynges highnesse by hys bill signed or otherwise heretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any of his seruauntes: And also excepted all issues forfaited, fines, amercements, afferred, tared, set, extreted, or iudged seuerally and particularly, extẽdyng to the sũme of a C.s. or aboue that summe. And that all and singuler other fynes, as well fynes (Pro licencia concordandi) as other, and all other issues

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and amercemente, as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularlye extend not to the sayd sume of a C.s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe, or not take to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be turned into debt or not debt, and not being leuied nor receiued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers shalbe fully clere and plainly pardoned and discharged againste the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours for euer.

And it is further enacted by ỳ auctority aforesayde, that in case it be obiected to any sherif or sheriffes or other accomptantes in the kinges court of escheker, or in any other his courts, that any sheriffe or sheriffes or other officers accoumptaunt, hath receiued or taken any suche fines, issues or amerciamentes before pardoned, released, and aquited, that then euery such shereffe and sheriffes, and other accoumptātes shalbe discharged, released pardoned, and acquited thereof by his or their othe, without anye further triall in that behalfe. ¶ God saue the kynge.

¶ An acte that abiured persons shall be marked in the righte hande with the signe of an A. Cap. ij.

BE it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person take sainctuary in any churche, churcheyarde, or other holy place, for felony or murder where he ought by the lawes and customes of this realme to haue his abiuration for the same, that then the same felon or murderer, shall take his abiuracion, and passage out of the same churche, churcheyarde, or other holy place at such daye & tyme as shall be limitted to him by the coroner of ỳ shire or place wherin he taketh such sainctuarie, and that the coroner immediately after his confession, and before his abiuracion, shall cause euery suche felon or murderer to be marked with an hote yron vppon the brawne of the thombe of the right hand with the signe of an. A. to the entent he may be the better knowen amonge the kinges subiectes, that he was abiured, and than to geue him his abiuration, and to be vsed in all other thinges as hath bene accustomed. And that all maires, bailiffes and constables, shall be attendant at the commaundement of the coroner for ỳ due executiō therof, as they will answere at theyr perils to the kinges highnes for the same.

And if any felon or murderer that ought to haue any such abiuratiō refuse to take his passage out of the sayd sainctuary at such time as shalbe limitted to him by the sayd coroner: that then the sayd felon or murderer so refusing shall lose the benefite of the same sainctuary, and be taken out of the same & committed to prisō, and further to be ordered for his offence after his merites, without any restitution to sainctuary for the same.

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¶ An act concerninge abridgementes of plaintes in assise. Cap.iij.

FOr asmuch as assises which haue bene thought the most speedy remedy be now by occasion of pleadinge of many barres to moities & partes and partes of the landes put in viewe and plaint, greatly delayed for difficulties and diuision of pledinge. And one cause thereof is, because ỳ plaintifes in the assise in such plees, to moities, and partyes, can not by the lawe abridge theyr playntes. For remedy whereof, be it enacted, that the plaintife in euery assise from hēceforth may at his pleasure seuer & abridge his plaint, of any parte or partes, whereunto any barre is pleaded, in suche like maner, as he or they might do in case the plees in barre had be made & pleaded to any certenty or numbre of acres in the plaint, and that the plaint for the residue of the parte or partes of the landes not abridged, shall be, & stand good and effectuall in lawe.

¶ An acte concerninge the sale of landes by executours of the testamentes. Cap.iij.

WHere diuers sundry persons before this time, hauinge other persōs seased to their vses, of and in landes and other hereditaments to & for the declaratiō of their willes, haue by their laste willes & testamentes willed & declared such their sayd lands, tenements, or other hereditamentes to be solde by their executours, as well to and for the paimentes of their debtes, performance of their legacies necessary, & conuenient findinge of their wiues, vertuous bringinge vp, and aduauncement of theyr children to mariage, as also for other charitable deedes to be done and executed by their executours for the health of their soules. And notwythstandinge, such truste and confidence so by them put in their sayd executours, it hath ofte times bene seene, where such last willes and testamentes of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes hath beene declared, and in the same dyuers executours named and made, that after ỳ decease of such testatours, some of the same executours willinge to accomplisshe the trust and confidence that they were put in by the sayde testatour, haue accepted and taken vpon them the charge of the sayde testamente, and haue beene redy to fullfill and performe all thynges conteined in the same, and the residue of the same executours, vncharitably contrary to the trust that they were put in, haue refused to entermedle in any wyse with the execution of the sayde wyll and testamente, or wyth the sale of suche landes so willed to be solde by the testatour. And for as much as a bargaine and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so wylled by any persōne to be solde by his executours after his decease, after the opinion of diuers persons, can in no wise be good and effectuall in the lawe, vnlesse the same bargayne and sale be made by the hole numbre of the executours, named

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to and for the same: by reason whereof as well the debts of such testatours hath rested, vnpayed and vnsatisfied, to the great daunger and perill of ỹ soules of such testatours, and to the greate hinderance, and many times to the vtter vndoinge of their creditours. As also the legacies and bequestes made by the testatour to his wife, children, & for other charitable deedes to be done for the wealth of ỹ soule of the same testatour, that made the same testament, hath bene also vnperfourmed, aswell to the extreme misery of the wife and children of ỹ sayd testatour, as also to the let of perfourmance of other charitable dedes for the wealth of ỹ soule of the said testatour, to the displeasure of almighty god. For the remedy whereof, be it enacted ordeyned and established by the auctoritye of this present parliamēt that where part of the executours named in any such testamēt of any such person so makinge or declaringe any such will of any landes, tenements or other hereditamentes, to be solde by his executours, after the death of any such testatour. do refuse to take vpon him or them the administracion and charge of the same testament and last will, wherin they be so named to be executours, and the residue of ỹ same executours do accepte and take vpō them the cure and charge of the same testament and last will: that thā all bargaines and sales of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by the executours of any such testatour, as well hereto fore made, as here after to be made by him or them, onely of the sayde executours that so doth accepte, or that heretofore hath accepted and taken vppon him or them any such cure or charge of administracion of any such will or testament, shall be as good & as effectuall in the lawe, as yf all the residue of the same executour, named in the sayde testament, so refusynge the administration of the same testamente, had ioyned with hym or them in the makinge of the bargaine, and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by the executours of any such testatour, whyche heretofore hath made or declared, or that hereafter shall make or declare any such will of any such landes, tenements, or other hereditamentes after his decease to be solde by his executours.

Prouided alway, that this act shall not extende to giue power or auctotie to any executour or executours at any time hereafter to bargaine or put to sale any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes by vertue and auctoritie of any will or testament heretofore made, otherwise thā they might do by the course of the common lawe afore the making of this act.

¶ An act concernynge probate of testamentes. Cap. v.

Where in the parliamēt holden at westminster, in the .xxij. yeare of the reigne of the noble kinge of famous memorye, Edwarde the thirde, vpon the complaint of his people for the outragious and greeuous fines and summes of money taken by the mynysters

sters of bysshoppes, and of other ordynaries of holy churche for the probate of testamentes, and for the acquitaunces by the sayd ordinaries to be made concerninge the same, the sayde noble kinge in the same parliament openly charged and commaunded the Archebisshoppe of Caunterbury, and the other bisshoppes for that time being, that amendement therof should be had. And if none amendement were therof had, it was by the auctority of the same parliament accorded, that the king should therof make inquiry by his iustices of such oppressiō and extorcions. And that the same iustices should here and determine them as well at the sute of the kinge as of the party, as of olde time hath bene vsed, as by the same statute playnly appereth. And where at the parliament holden at Westmynster in the .z. yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the .v. it was recited, that the commons of the realme had oftentimes complained them in diuers parliaments of that, that diuers ordinaries take for the probation of testamentes and other thynges therunto belongynge, sometime .xl.s. sometime .l.s. and sometime more agaynste ryght and Justice, where in the time of kinge Edwarde the .iij. men were wonte to pay for such causes but .ii.s. vi.d. or .v.s. at the moste by whiche vnlawfull exactions the testamentes of the testatours might not be executed accordyng to their last willes. It was then enacted for ꝑ auoyding of such oppressions, that no ordinary frō thencefoorth should take for the probation of any testament and inuentorye, or for any other thynges to the same belonging any more than was accustomed and vsed in the time of the sayde noble kinge Edwarde the thyrd, vpon peyne to yelde to the partye so greeued three times as much as the sayd ordinaries did so receiue, whiche acte did endure but to the next parliament folowing by reason that the ordinaries did than promise to reforme and amend the sayd oppressions and exactions. And for that that the saide vnlawfull exactions of the sayde ordinaties and their ministers be nothynge reformed nor amended, but greately augmented and encreased, against right and Justice, and to the great impouerishinge of the kinges subiectes.

The kinge our souerayne lorde by the assente of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, hath ordeined, establisshed & enacted, that from the firste day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde. M. D. xxx. that nothinge shalbe demaunded, receyued, nor taken by any Bisshoppe, Ordinary, Archedeaken, chauncellour, commissary, officiall, nor any other manner of person or persons, what soeuer they be, which nowe haue, or whiche at any time hereafter shall haue auctority or power to take or receiue probation insinuacio or approbation of testament or testaments by him selfe or thē selues, nor by his or their regesters, scribes, prayslers, commoners, apparatours, or by any other of their Ministers, for the probation, insinuation, and approbation of any testament or testamentes, or for writinge sealinge, prayslynge, regestringe, sines, makinge of inuentories, and geuing of acquitaunces, or for any other maner of cause concerninge the same, wher the goods of the testatour

tour of the said testament or person so dyinge, do not amount clerely ouer and aboue the value of C.s. sterlinge, excepte onely to the scribe to haue for writinge of the probate of the testamente of him deceased, whose goodes sh all not be aboue the same clere value of C.s. vi.d. and for the commissiō of ministration of the goods of any man dyeasynge intestate, not beinge aboue like value of C.s. clere. vi.d, and that neuertheleſſe the byshop, ordynarye, or other person, or persons, hauing power or auctority to take or receyue the probation or approbation of testamentes, refuse not to approue any such testament, being lawfully tendred or offred to them to be proued or approued, wherof the goodes of the testatour or person so dying amoūt not aboue the value of C.s. sterlinge, so that the sayde testament be exhybited tohym or theym in writynge with ware thereunto affixed redye to be sealed, and that the same testament be lawefully proued before the same ordinary (before the sealinge) to be true, holle, and last testament of the same testatour, in suche fourme as hath beene commonly accustomed in that behalfe.

And whan the goods of the testatour do amounte ouer and aboue the clere value of C s. dooe not exceede the summe of xl. pounde sterlinge: that than no byshop, ordinary nor other manner of person or persons what soeuer he or they be, now hauinge, or whiche hereafter shall haue auctority to take probation or approbation of any testament or testamentes, as is afore sayde, by them selues nor any of their sayde regesters, scribes, prayers, sōmoners, apparatours, nor any other their ministers for the probation insinuation, and approbation of any testament or testamētes, or for the regestringe, sealinge, writinge, prayinge, makinge of inuentories, geuinge of acquitāces, fines, or any other thinge cōcerninge the same, shall take or cause to be taken of anye person or persons, but onely .iii.s. vi.d. and not aboue, whereof to be to the sayde byshop or ordinary, or to other person or persōs, hauinge power and auctority to take the probation or approbation of any testamente or testamentes, for hym and hys ministers. ii.s. vi d. and not aboue, and. xii. d. residue of the sayd. three shillinges. vi.d. to be to the scribe for the regestring of the same. And where the goods of the testatour or person or persons so dyinge, dooe amounte ouer and aboue the cleare value of xl. pounde sterlinge, that than the bishoppe nor ordinarye, nor other person or persons, now hauinge or whyche hereafter shall haue auctority or power to take probate of testamentes, as is afore sayde by hym or them selues nor anye of hys or their sayde regesters, scribes, prayers, sommoners, apparatours, or anye other their ministres, for the probation, insinuation, and approbation of any testamente or testamentes, or for the regestringe sealynge, writinge, prayinge, makinge of inuentories fines, geuinge of acquytaunces, or anye thynge concernynge the same probate of testamente, shall from the sayde fyrst day of Aprill, take or cause to be taken of any person or persons, but onely. v.s. and not aboue, whereof to be to the sayd byshoppe, ordinary, or other person hauinge power to take the probation of

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such testament or testamentes for him and his ministers.ii s.vi.d. and not aboue and .ii s.vi.d.residue of the said.v.s.to be to the scribe for regestring of the same or els ỳ same scribe to be at hys lyberty to refuse those,ij.s.vj.d. and to demaunde and haue for writing of euery tenne lines of the same testament,wherof euery line to conteine in lẽgth.x.inches.j.d. And that euery suche bishoppe or ordinarye, and other person or persons,so haynge or which hereafter shal haue auctority or power to take or receiue the probation or approbation of any testament or testamentes,as is aboueſaid,their regesters,scribes,& ministers, shall approue, insinuate, seale, and regester, from time to time the sayd testamẽtes,and deliuer the same seale,with the seale of their office to the executour or executours named in any such testamentes,for the sayde sũme or summes aboueſayd,& in maner and fourme, as is aboue reherſed, to deliuer it with conuenient speed,without any frustratory delay. And in case any person die intestate, or that the executours named in any suche testamentes,refuse to proue the sayd testament:than ỳ sayd ordinary or other person or persons,hauinge auctoritye to take probate of testamentes,as is aboueſayde, shall graunte the administration of the goodes of the testatour or person deceaſed to the widow of the same persõ deceaſed, or to the nerte of hys kynne, or to bothe, as by dyscretion of the same ordinarye shall be thoughte good,takinge suretye of him or them,to whom shalbe made suche commission for true administratiõ of the goods, cattels,and debtes,which he or they shalbe so auctoriſed to minister. And in case where diuers persons claime the administration as nerte of kinne, which be egall in degree of kinred to the testatour or person deceaſed, and where any person onely desireth the administration as nerte of kin,where in dede diuers persons be in equalitye of kinred,as is afore ſayde: Than in euery such case the ordinary to be at his election and liberty to accepte any one or mo making request,where diuers do require the administration. Or where but one or more of them,and not all beinge in equality of degree doe make requeſte, than the ordinarye to admitte the widowe and him or them onely makinge requeſte, or any one of them at his pleasure, takynge nothing for the same,oneleſſe the goodes of the person so deceaſed, amount aboue the value or summe of C.s. And in case the goodes of the person so deceaſed amounte aboue the value of C. s. and not aboue the value of summe of xl.li.than the sayd byshoppe,ordinary or other person or persons, so haynge auctorytye to take probate of testamentes, as is afore ſayde their ministers and officers, shall take onely twoo shillinges syxe pence sterlinge and not aboue, and that the executour and executours named by the testatour or person so deceaſed,or such other person or persõs,to whom such administration shall be committed, where any person dyeth intestate or by way of intestate,callinge or takynge to hym or theym such person or persons,twoo at the leaſt, to whom the sayde person so dyinge was indebted,or made anye legacie, and vppon their refuſell or absence, twoo other honeſt personnes beynge nerte of kynne to the personne so dyinge, and

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in their defaute or absence .ii other honest persōnes and in their presence, and by their discrecions shal make or cause to be made a trew and perfite inuentorie of al the goodes, cattels, wares, marchandices, as wel mouable as not mouable, what soeuer that were of the sayde persōne so deceased, and the same shall cause to be indented whereof the one parte shalbe by the sayd executour or executoures, administratour or administratoures, vpon his or their othe or othes to be taken before the sayde bisshoppes, ordynaries their officials, or commissaries or other persōnes hauynge power to take probate of testamentes vpō the holy Euangelist to be good and true and the same one parte endented shal present and deliuer into the keppynge of the sayde bysshopps ordinarye or ordinaryes, or other persōne hauynge power to take probate of testamentes & the other parte therof to remaine with ỳ sayd executour or executoures administratour or administratoures and that no bysshoppe, ordinarie or other whatsoeuer persone hauinge auctorytye to take probate of testament or testamentes, as is aboue sayde, vpon the peyne in this estatute hereafter contayned refuse to take any such inuentorie or inuentoryes to him or thē presented or tended to be deliuered as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouided alwaies that if the persō so deceased, will by his testamēt or last will, any landes, tenementes or heredytamentes, to be solde, that the money thereof comming nor the profites of the said landes, for any time to be taken shall not be accompted as any of the goodes or cattals of the said person so deceased and that the same bisshoppe, ordinary, or other person or persons, hauinge auctorytye to take probate of testament or testamētes as is aforesaid vpon the deliuerie of the seale & signe of the testatour, do cause the same seale to bee defaced, and there vpon incontinente deliuer the same seale vnto ỳ sayd executour or executoures without claime or chalēg there vnto to be made. And in case any person or persōs at any tyme hereafer requyre a copy or copies of the sayd testamentes so proued, or of the sayde inuentory so made, that than the sayde ordinary or ordinaries, and the other persons hauing auctorytie to take probate of testamētes, or their ministers shal from tyme to time with conuenięt spede, without any frustratory delaye, delyuer or cause to bee deliuered a trewe coppe or coppes of the same, to the sayde person or persons so demaunding them or any of them, taking for the serche and for the makinge of the coppe of eyther of the sayde testamente or inuentorie, but onely suche fee as is before rehersed, for the regestringe of the sayde testament, or elles the scribe or regester to bee at his election and libertie to demaūd haue and take for euery ten lynes therof beinge of the proporcion before rehersed i.d.

Prouided alwaye that where any persone or persōnes hauinge power or auctorytye to take probate of testamentes, haue vsed to take lesse summes of money than is aboue sayde for probate of testamentes or cōmissions of administratours, or other cause concerning the same, shal take and receiue such summe or summes of money for the probate of testamentes and com-

missions of the administratours and other causes concerning the same as they before the making of this act haue vsed to take, and not a boue.

¶ And it is enacted that euerye byshoppe, ordinarye archedeaken chaunsellour, commissary, officiall, and other person and persones, hauing, or the which hereafter shall haue auctoritye to take probate of testaments, their regesters, scribes, praisers, summoners, apparatours, and all other theyr ministers, whatsoeuer they be that shall dooe or attempte, or cause to bee done and attempted agaynst this acte or ordinaunce in any thinge shall forfait and lose for euerie time so offending to the partie greued in that behalf so muche money as any suche person aboue sayde shal take contrary to this present acte. And ouer that shall lose and forfait x. pounde sterling whereof the one moytye shallbee to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytye to the partye greeued in that behalfe that wil sue by action of dette byl information or otherwyse in any of the kynges courtes for the recouerie of the same, in which action no essoyne protectiō nor wager of law shal be admitted or allowed. And that euery of the same bishoppes, and other persons which shall here after incurre or fall into the daunger of suche penaltye or forfaiture shalbe charged onely for hym selfe. And none of them to be chargeable to that penaltye for others offence.

¶ Prouided awaye that this present acte bee not preiudiciall to any ordynarye or other personne which now haue or hereafter shall haue auctoritie for probate of testamentes but that euery of them shall and maye conuent before them all and euery person or persons made and named executour or executours of any testamente, to thentente to proue or refuse the testamēt or testamētes of their testatour or testatoures and to bringe in inuētories, & to doe euerye other thing concerning the same as they might do before ỳ making of this acte, so that alwayes any suche ordinarie, or other personne or persons hauing suche auctoritie by them selfe their commissaries scribes, regesters, or other mynisters aforesayde, shall not in any wise take for the same aboue the fees limitted by this act ne in any wise attempt any thing contrary to any parte of the same acte.

An acte concerning takynge of mortuaries, Cap. vi.

FOr as much as question ambiguity and doubte is chaunced and rysen vpon the order maner and fourme of demaūding receiuinge, and claymynge of Mortuaries, other wise called Corse presentes, as wel for the greatnes and value of ỳ same which as hath lateli bene taken, is thoughte ouer excessiue to the poore people and other personnes of this realme, as also for that suche mortuaries or Course presentes haue bene demaunded and leuied for such as at the time of their death haue had no propertie in any goodes or cattels And many times for trauailinge and waifairing men in the places where they

they haue fortuned to die to thentente that all doubte, contencion and incertaintie, herein may be remoued, and as wel the generalitie of the kinges people therein remedied as also the personnes vicars, parishe priestes, curates and other hauinge interest in suche mortuaries and corse presentes indifferently prouided for.

¶ Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and establyshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same that from the first daye of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xxx. no person vicar, curate, or parishe prieste ne any other spirituall persone nor their fermours bayliffes, nor lesses shall take, receiue or demaunde of any personne or personnes within this realme for any personne or personnes dying within the same, any maner mortuarie or corse presēt ne any summe or summes of money ne any other thing for the same more than is hereafter mencioned.

Ne also shall cōuent or call any person or personnes before any iudge spirituall for the recouery of any suche mortuaries or corse presentes, or anye other thing for the same more than is herrafter mencioned, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery tyme so demaundynge, receiuinge, takynge, conuentyng, or callinge any suche personne or personnes, before any spirituall iudge, so much in value as they shal take aboue the summe limitted by this acte. And ouer that xl.s. to the partie greued contrary to this acte for the which forfaiture the partie so greued contrary to this acte, shall haue an action of dette by writte bill, playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of law, essoyne, nor protection shalbe allowed.

First it is ordayned, established and enacted, that no maner mortuarye shalbe taken or demaunded of any person whatsoeuer he be, whither at the tyme of his death hath in mouable goodes vnder the value of x. markes. Also that no mortuarie shalbe geuen or demaunded from henceforth of any maner personne, but onely in suche place where heretofore mortuaries haue bene vsed to be payd and geuen and in those places none other wise but after the rate and fourme herafter mencioned. Ne that any person paie mortuaries in more places than one, that is to saye, in the place of their moste dwellinge and habitacion, and there but one mortuarie. Nor no person vicar, curate, parishe priest, or other shal for any personne dienge or dead, and being at the time of his death of the value in mouable goodes of x. markes or more clerely, aboue his dettes payed and vnder the summe of xxx. pound take for a mortuarye. iii. s. iiij. d. in the holle. And for a personne dienge or dead being at the tyme of his deathe of the value of xxx. pounde or aboue, clerely aboue his dettes payde in mouable goodes and vnder the value of xl. pound there shall no more be taken or demaunded for a mortuarie than vi. s. viii. d. in the holle: and for any personne dienge or dead hauinge at the time of his deathe of the value in mouable goodes of xl. pound or aboue to any summe whatsoeuer it be, clerely aboue his dettes payde, there shalbee no more taken, payed, or demaunded, for a mortuarie than x. s. in the hole.

Prouided alway that for no woman beynge couert baron nor child, ne for any personne not keppyng house, any maner mortuarie be payed ne that any personne, vycar curate, parishe priest, or other, aske, demaunde, or take for any suche woman childe or for any personne not kepinge house, dyenge or dead, any maner thinge or money by way of mortuarye ne also for anye wayfayring man, or other that dwelleth not ne maketh residēs in ỳ place where they shal happen to die, but that the mortuarie of suche wayfarynge personnes, be answerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payed, and in maner and fourme and after the rate before mencioned, and none otherwise, in the place or places where suche wayfaryng persons, at the tyme of their deathe had their moste habitacion, house, and dwellinge places, and no where els.

¶ Prouyded alway that it shallbe lefull to all maner personnes, vicars, curates, parishe priestes, and other spirituall personnes, to take and receiue any maner summe of money, or other thynge whiche by any personne dyynge shall fortune to be disposed geuen, or bequethed vnto them, or any of them, or to the highe aulter of the churche. This acte or any thynge therin mencioned notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auttorityе aforesayde that no mortuaries nor corse presentes, ne any summe or summes of money or other thinge, for any mortuarye or corse present shalbe demaunded taken, receiued or hadde in the parties of wales, nor in the marches of the same, nor in the towns of Caleis or Berwike nor the marches of the same but onely in suche parties & places of wales marches and townes aforesaid, where mortuaryes hath bene accustomed to be takē and payed. And in those parties and places no mortuaries nor corse presentes, nor any other thinge for mortuarie or corse present from henseforthe shalbee demaunded, taken, receyued, or hadde, but onely after the fourme order and maner aboue specifyed in this present act and none otherwise ne of any other person or persons, than is limitted by this present acte, vpon the peine aboue contayned in this present acte.

Prouided also that it shalbe lefull to the bisshoppes of Bangour, Landaffe, sayncte Dauids, and sayncte Asse, and likewise to the archedeacon of Chester, to take suche mortuaries of the priestes within their dioces and iurisdictions, as heretofore haue bene accustomed.

Prouided also that in such places where mortuaryes haue bene accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is aforesayde, that noe personne shallbe compelled to paye, in anye suche place any other mortuarye or more for any mortuarie than hath bene accustomed, ne that any mortuarye in suche place shalbe demaunded, taken receiued, or had, of any person or personnes. exempte by this acte, nor in any wise contrarye to this acte vpon the peyne afore limitted.

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An act against seruauntes imbesilinge their maysters goodes. Cap. viii.

VWhere before this tyme diuers, as well noble men, as other the kynges subiectes haue vppon confidence & trust deliuered vnto their seruantes their caskets and other iewels, money, goods and cattels safely to kepe to the vse of their sayd maysters or mistresses, and after such deliuery the sayd seruauntes haue withdrawen thē selfe and gone away from their sayd maisters or maistresses with the said caskettes, iewels, mony, goodes and cattels, or parte therof to thentent to steale the same and defraud their said maisters or maistresses thereof, & somtime being with their saide maisters and maistresses haue conuerted the sayd iewels money, & other cattels, or parte thereof to theyr owne vse, which misbehauiour so done was doubtfull in ẏ common law whether it were felonie or not. And by reason therof ẏ forsaid seruaūtes haue bene in great boldnes to cōmit such or like offēces, Be it therfore enacted ordained, & established, by ẏ kinge our soueraigne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cōmons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same that all and singular such seruauntes, to whom any such caskettes, iewels money goodes or cattels by his or their sayd maysters or maistresses shall from henceforthe so be deliuered to kepe ẏ if any such seruaunt or seruaūtes withdraw him or them frō their said maysters or maistresses & goe away with the said caskettes iewels, money, goodes or cattels or any parte therof to the entent to steale the same and defraude his or their sayd maysters or maistresses therof cōtrary to the trust & confidēce to him or them put by his or their sayd maysters and mistresses, or els beinge in the seruice of his said maister or maystresse without assent or cōmaundement of his maister or maystres he imbesell the same caskettes, iewels, money goodes or cattels or any parte thereof or otherwise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to stele it that if the sayd caskettes iewels, money, goodes or cattalles that any such seruaunt shall so go away with, or which he shall imbesell with purpose to steale it, as is afore sayde be of the value of xl.s. or aboue. That than the same false fradulent and vntrew act and demenour from henceforth shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And he or they so offendinge to be punished as other felons be punished for felonyes committed by the course of the common law.

Prouided alway that this acte or any thing therin contained shal not in any wise extend or be preiudicial to any apprētice or apprētises nor any perso with in ẏ age of xviii yeres going away with his or their maisters goodes, or iewels or otherwise conuerting the same to his or theire owne vses, during the time of their apprentishipp or being within the same age of xviii yeres, but that euery apprentyce or apprentices suche person or persones being within the said age doing or offending contrary to this prescēt act shall be and stande in like case as they and euery of them were before, ẏ making of this act the same acte to continue and endure vnto the next parliament.

An act against killing of Calues .Cap.viii.

FOr as much as of olde tyme great multitude of cattell was yerely increased by weaning, bringinge vp, and rearinge of calues throughout this realme, wherby the numbre of oxen kine, and steres weare in such aboundance & plentie that befe and all other vittell was than goode chepe, and solde to ỳ kinges subiectes at reasonable peni worthes and prices, vntil now of late yeres passed that ỳ breders of such calues of their couetous mindes haue vsed to sel their ca'ues yong sucking to bouthers, weining, rearing, and bringing vp few or none, wherby the encrease of old cattel & also the encrease that should or might haue commē or growen of the same is marualously minished & decreased in such wise ỳ great derth of cattail and other vitaile hath and doeth daylye spring, grow, continue and aryse, throughout this realme, not onely to the great enhaunsynge of the prises of beffes and all maner vittaill, but also to the greate minishing and empairynge, of good hospitalitie and extreme vndoinge of the kynges poore and nedy subiectes within the same, which inconuenience and great scarcitye is like to ensue & encreace more and more, if spedye remedye bee not prouided in that behalfe.

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde the lordes spirituall and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same, that no maner of person or persons beyng bouchers or other, inhabitynge with in this realme, Wales, or the matches of the same, shal from the fyrst day of Januarye nert commynge during three whole yeres than nert folowynge kyll or cause to bee kylled any maner yong suckinge calfe or calues to be solde or put to sale to any personne or personnes, hole or by retaile, which calfe or calues so hereafter to bee kylled, shall happen to fall or to be calued betweene the sayde first day of Januarye and the first day of Maye in any of the saide .iii. hole yeres vppon peyne of .vi.s.viii.d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betweene the sayd dayes, and killied and put to sale contrary to this acte to bee paied and forfaited by euery such boucher or bouchers, which shall kil or cause to be killed or put to sale any suche calfe or calues, so fallynge and to bee calued betweene the sayde first daye of Januarye, and the sayde first daye of Maye durynge the sayd three yeres. The one halfe of euery suche forfaiture to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to the partie that wil sue for the same by bill, action of dett or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of law, essoyne nor protectiō shal be allowed.

Prouided alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaites, profites, and aduantages onely of euery such offender & offenders, against the pursueing of this acte with in their seignoryes, libertyes, fraunchesses royall

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An act limitting the price of hattes and cappes brought from beyond the sea. Ca. ix.

THe king our souereigne lord by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritye of the same, hath ordained, estab-lished, and enacted, for the common welthe of the subiectes of this his realme that no maner person nor personnes whatsoeuer he or thei be, from the feast of the Purificacion of our lady next coming do sell or cause to be sold with in this realme to any person or personnes, any wollen hattes or bonetes, or wollen hatte or cappe, made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of England, in any of the partyes of beyonde the sea, ouer or aboue the prises vnder written, that is to say, no suche cappe or bonet to be solde aboue the summe of .ii.s. stetlynge, and no such hatte to be sold aboue the summe of .x.d. and no suche single crowned cappe nor lengle nightcappe to bee solde aboue the summe of .vi. d. vppon payne to forfaite for euery suche bonette, cappe or hatte, at any tyme after the sayd feast to be sold ouer the prise aboue sayde, contrary to the tenour of this acte .xl.s. sterling. all which forfaiture shall extend onely to the losse of the seller or sellers thereof, and to none other, the one halfe thereof to bee leuied and recouered to the vse of our sayd soueraigne lorde and the other halfe to the partye that will sue for ꝑ same in any of our soueraigne lorde ꝑ kinges courtes by actiõ of dette, bil, informaciõ or otherwise, in which actiõ or sute no protectiõ wager of law, nor essoyne, shalbe allowed or admitted

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aboue said that euery person or persones, bynge or wearing any suche bonette, cappe, or hatt, made out of this realme, may lawfully at al tymes hereafter vse weare and detaine any suche bonette, cappe, or hattte, cappes, or hattes, without seisure of the same or any daunger losse or other forfaiture, or penaltye, to be hadde or suffered for the same. Any matter, clause or other thinge contained or expressed in this present act or actes heretofore made to the contrarye not withstanding.

An acte against caryng out of brasse laten, and coper. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as there is no mine of mettall of copper, within this realme of Englande founde nor hadde, where sufficyente copper may be gathered for the vse of the kinge our soueraigne lorde and for the people of this realme, and also for as muche as diuers mines of copper in the parties of beyonde the sea, be now lately minished and decayed, by reason whereof the prise of copper is greatly risen as well in the parties of beyonde the sea as in this realme of the which copper diuers mettals mixed be made as wel laten, of the which

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the founders make diuers vessels, instrumentes and other necessarie thinges, as also panne mettal, brasse mettal, gonn mettal, and bellmettal, made and wrought by diuers artificers within this realme, which bee now also at a great price and also where diuers within this realme of late haue caried and conueied, and daylye vse to carie and conuey into the parties of beyonde the sea, much later, brasse, and suche mettall, mixed aswell in olde panne mettall, and broken vessels, and instrumentes, as in mettall shrosse and other thinges, not only to the great hurte of our soueraigne lorde the kynge, in lackinge mettall to make and furnishe his ordinaunce: but also to the greate hurte and decay of al such artificers which vse to worke any such metall and to the hurte of all the kinges lyege people, not withstãding that a redresse was communed by the kynge our soueraigne lorde and the lordes of his honorable counsaile in Ester terme last past sithē whiche time muche of the sayde metal hath beene conueighed.

¶ Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritye of this present parliament, that no person or persons, from henseforth do conuey or carie any suche mettall whether it be clene or mixed to any porte, hauen place, or creke, of this his realme, in any ship, vessel, or boate, to bee caryed or conueied into any parte beyonde the sea vppon peine of forfaiture of all the sayd mettall, in whose handes soeuer they be founde or the value of the same the one moitie of the sayd forfaiture to be to our soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other moity to the vse of him that shal take or find the same forfaiture. This acte to continue vnto the nexte parliament.

An acte for restitucion of goodes felenously stollen. Cap. xi.

BE it enacted by this present parliamēt, that if any felon or felons hereafter do rob or take away any money goodes or cattels, from any of the kinges subiectes from their person or otherwise within this realme, & thereof the said felon or felons, be indyted, & after arrayned of the same felonie, and found gilty therof, or otherwise attainted by reson of euidence geuen by the partie, so robbed or owner of the said money goodes, or cattels or by any other by their procurement that than the partie so robbed or owner shalbe restored to his said money, goods and cattels and that as well the Justices of gaole deliuerye as other Justices, afore whom any such felon or felons shallbe found giltie or otherwise attainted by reason of euidence geuen by the partye so robbed, or owner, or by any other by their procurement, haue power by this present acte to awarde from tyme to time writtes of restitucion for the sayde mony, goodes, and cattels, in lyke maner as thoughe any suche felon or felons were attainted at the sute of the partie in appeale.

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An acte for trew making of cables, halsers and ropes. Ca. xii.

MOste humbly beseching your highnes, the bailiffes, burgesses, and other the inhabitauntes of your towne and boroughe of Burporte within your countie of Dorset, that where they out of tyme that no mans mynd is to the contrary haue vied, & exercysed to make within the same, the moste parte of all the great cables halsers, ropes and all other takelynge as well for your royall shippes and naupe as for the moste parte of all other shippes within this realme, by reason whereof your sayde towne was right well maintained and inhabited, your highnes and your subiectes ryghte well serued, vntyll nowe of late many dyuers and euell dysposed persons entendunge the destruction of your sayd towne for their priuate lucre and aduauntage haue withdrawen them selfe into the countrie in diuers places, there taking fermes and vsinge husbandrye out of the sayde towne, and also daylie resorte to your sayde towne to bye and prouide hempe and therof make cables, ropes halsers, traces, halters and other tacle whiche cables, ropes, halsers, traces, halters and other tacle beene by the saide persons sleightly and deceiuably made by reason wherof not onely the byers of ỳ same bene continually therby deceiued but also the prices of the sayd cables, halsers, traces halters and other tacle thereby greatlye enhaunsed and your sayde towne or borought by meane therof is lyke vtterly to bee decayed, ruined and dissolated, if spedye remedy be not by your highnes in that case prouided

Be it therfore enacted by your highnesse, by the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritye of the same, that no maner person or persones dwellinge or inhabitinge within the distance of fiue myles from the sayde towne or boroughe of Burporte shall from henssorthe sell or cause to bee solde out of the market, holden, and to be holden within the same towne or borough of Burporte to any personne or personnes, any hempe, which shal happen to growe within the sayd fiue miles in distaunce from the sayde towne, or boroughe, vpon peine of forfaiture of the sayde hempe so solde or to be sold in any place or places within the distaunce of the said fiue miles out of the sayde towne borough or market contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritye aboue saide that no personne nor persones, other than suche as shall dwell and be inhabitauntes within the sayde towne shall make after the feast of Ester next commyng out of the sayde towne any cables, halsers, ropes, traces, halters or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within the sayde distaunce of fiue miles from the sayde towne, vppon peyne of forfaiture of the sayde cables halsers, ropes, traces halters and other tacle made and to be made contrarye to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of euery

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such forfaitures, as well for the hempe to solde or to be solde out of the said towne borough a market, contrary to the fourm aforesaid as also the said cables, hallers, ropes, traces, haltets, and other tacle made out of the said towne contrary to this estatute, to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by action of dett, bill, or informacion, wherin neither wager of lawe, essoyne, nor protection shalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that twenty poundes weight shallbe accompted to the stone.

¶ Prouided also, that euery person dwellinge within the said distaunce, may make cables, hallers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle for their owne vse and occupacions, but in no wise against this acte. This acte to endure vnto the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte against pluralitye of benefices for taking of fermes by spirituall men and for residens. Cap. xiii.

FOr the more quiete and vertuous increase, and mayntenaunce of diuyne seruice the preachynge and teachynge, the word of god, which godly and good example geuing the better discharge of curates, the mayntenaunce of hospitalitye, the releife of poore people, the encrease of deuocion & good opinion of the lay fee towardes the spirituall persones: Be it enacted, ordayned, and estabyshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritye of the same, that no spirituall person, secular or regular of what degree soeuer he or they be shall frō henceforth take to ferme to him selfe or to any person or persōs to his vse of the lease or graunte of ỳ kinge our soueraygne lord nor of any other person or persones, by letters patentes indentures, wrytinges, by worde or otherwise by any maner of meanes any manoures, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes for terme of lyfe, for terme of yers, or at will, vppon peyne to forfaite tenne pound for euery moneth that he or any other to his vse shall occupie any such ferme by reason of any such lease or graunt hereafter to be made. The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord and the other halfe thereof to euery such person as will sue for the same, by originall writte, bill or playnt of dette or by any informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche action and suite no wager of lawe shallbee admitted for the defendaunte, nor any essoyne, or protection alowed.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that all and euery such spirituall personne or personnes, which now have or occappe in ferme bye them selfe or by any other to their vse, any manoures landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, of the lesse or graunte of the kinge our soueraigne lord, or

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any other person or persones for terme of lyfe or for yeres, or at wil by any writing or otherwise or that now haue any annual rentes, or other annual aduauntage or profet by occasion or colour of any suche lesse or ferme shall clerelye bargaine, sell, geue or graunt away one this syde the feast of saint Mighell the archangell next commynge to any suche laye persoune, or persons as they will at their owne nominacions and appoyntmene, all suche lesse, terme interest, and profite as any such spiritual person or any other to his vse now hathe or haue, in, or by reason of any suche ferme: so that in no wise any such spiritual person or persones at any tyme after the same feast by thē selfe or any other to their vse by any maner of meanes, fraud or male engine, shal haue, vse, or occupy in ferme any manours, landes tenemētes or hereditamentes, of the demise, lesse, or graunt of any person or persones heretofore made or hereafter to be made to thē selfe or to ani other to their vses: nor from the sayd feast shall take any annuall rente or other annuall aduauntage or profite by occasion or colour of any such lessee, or ferme, by any maner of meanes vppon peyne to forfaite for euery moneth so occupying any such farme, at any tyme after the sayde feast contrary to this present acte, tenne pounde, and vpon peyn to forfait tenne times as much as any such spiritual person or any to his vse, shall take in any annuall rente, aduauntage or profite, by occasion or colour of any suche lesse, at any tyme after the sayde feaste. The one halfe of whiche forfaitures to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde and the other halfe to him that will sew for the same by originall writte, byll or plainte of Dette or by informacion in any of the kynges Courtes, in whiche actyon and suyte noe wager of lawe shall bee admytted for the defendaunte, nor any Essoyne, or protectyon allowed.

And be it also enacted that all such leasses made or hereaffer to be made, vnto any suche spirytuall person or persons, or to any other to theyr vse for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres or at will of any manoures, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof they or any of them shall take any profyte, or medlinge by them selfe or by any of their vse after the said feast of sainct Mighell by colour of any suche lesse or graunte, and none by them bargained graunted, and solde awaye before the sayde feast as is before limitted, shall from thenfforth be vtterly voyde and of none effecte, as well against the lessour or lessours, grauntour or grauntoures their heires and assignes and against euery of them as against the, lessee or lessees, and their executoures and assignes, and euery of them.

Prouided alway that this present act shall not extende to any spirituall person or persones, in and for taking to ferme any temporalitye, durynge the tyme of vacacions of any archebishoprikes, byshoprikes, abbeys, priories or other collegiall cathedrall or conuentuall churchas, nor to any spyrituall person or persons that shal tende or make any trauers vpon any offices or office concerning his or their free holde.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritye aforesayd, that no spirituall person

son or persones seculer or reguler, of what estate or degree so euer they be, shall from henseforthe by him selfe nor by any other for him, nor to his vse bargaine and by to sell againe for any lucre, gaine, or profite, in any markettes, faires, or other places, any maner of cattells, corne, leade, tinne, hydes, lether, tallow, fisshe, wolle, wodde or any maner of vitaile, or marchaundise, what kynde soeuer they be of, vppon peine to forfaite treble the value of euery thinge by them, or by any to their vse bargained and bought to sell againe contrary to this present act. And that euery such bargaine & contract hereafter to be made by them or by any to their vse contrarye to this act, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect. And the one halfe of euerye suche forfaiture to be to the kinge our soneraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by original writte of dette bil plaint. or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes. In which action or sute no wager of lawe for the defendaunte shall be admitted, nor any essoyne, nor protection alowed.

¶ Prouided alway that if any suche spirituall personne or persones, shal happen hereafter withoute fraude or coueyne to bye any horses, mares, or mewles to the onely intent to occuppe for hym selfe, or his seruauntes, to ride to and fro, vpō his necessarie businesse, or any other cattals or goodes to the onely intente and purpose at the bying thereof to be emploied & put in and aboute his necessarie apparell of his owne house, or of his person, & seruauntes, or in for and about the onely occupiynge, manuring or tyllage of his owne glebe or demeane landes annexed to his churche, or for the necessarie expences of his owne householde kepyng. And after the biynge of any such horses, cattales, or goodes, or exercise of them or any of them happeneth to mislike any of them that they should not be good, profitable nor conuenient for any of the purposes aboue sayde for the which they were bought: that than euery suche spirituall personne or persones may lawfully bargaine and put awaye suche thinges so by hym bought, without fraude or couin for any of the purposes abouesayde at his pleasure and aduantage this acte or any thing therin contained notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that al abbottes, priours, abesses, prioresses, prouostes, presidentes, maysters of colleges and hospitalles and all other spirituall gouernoures and gouernesses of any spiritual monasteries or houses of religiō by what name or names soeuer they be called hauing manours landes, and tenementes, hereditamentes, and other yerely profittes in the right of their monasteryes or houses of the yerely value of .viii. C. markes or vnder, & not aboue, may vse and occupie as much and as many of their demeane landes, fee fermes, and fermes to their most aduauntage, commoditye and profit to and for the onely mayntenaunce of their householdes, and hospytalyties in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or theyr predecessours, or the predecessoures, of any of them, at any tyme by the space of one. C. yeres last past, before the makynge of this acte haue done, vsed and occupied: Any thing in this presente acte to the contrari

trary notwithstandinge.

¶Prouided also, that euery other spirituall personne and personnes, not hauynge sufficyente glebe or demayne landes in their owne handes, in the ryghte of theyr churches, monasteries, and howses for pasturage of cattels or for increase of cornes, to and for the onelye expences of their houseyholds, or for theyr rayages and iourneys, maye take in ferme other landes and by and sell corne and cattell for the onely manuraunce, tyllage, and pasturage of suche fermes so that the increase thereof bee allwayes employed, and putte to, and for the onely expenses in theyr houseyholdes and hospitalyties, and not in any wise to bye and selle agayne, for any other commoditye, lucre or aduauntage any corne or cattelle, renewynge commynge, or growynge in and vppon anye suche ferme or otherwyse but onelye the remayne and ouer plus aboute theyre expenses of theyre houseyholdes, If any suche shall happen to the breede and Encreases thereof, without fraude or couin: Any thing in this present acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶And bee it enacted by the auctorityе aforesayde that if any personne or personnes haupnge one benefyce with cure of soule being of the yerely value of. viii. pounde or aboue accept and take any other wyth cure of soule, and be instituted and inducted in possession of the same that than and immedyatelye after suche possession hadde therof, the fyrste benefice shallbe adiudged in the law to bee voyde. And that it shallbee lawfull to euery patron hauing the aduouson thereof to present an other and the presentee to haue the benefite of the same in such like maner and fourme as though the incumbente had dyed or resigned, any licence, vnion or dispensacion to the contrary hereof obtained notwithstanding.

And that euery suche lycence, vnyon or dispensacion had, or hereafter to be obtayned contrary to this present acte of what name or names qualitie or qualities soeuer they be, shallbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And if any personne or persons at any tyme after the first day of Apryl in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. xxx. contrarye to this presente acte, procure and obtayne at the courte of Rome or els where any lycence or lycences vnyon tolleracion or dispensacion to receyue and take anye moze benefyces with cure than is aboue limitted or els at any tyme after the sayd daye putte in execucion any such lycence tolleracion, or dispensacion before that obtained contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person or personnes so after the sayd daye saynge for him selfe, or receyuinge and takynge such benefyce by force of suche licence or lycences vnion tolleracion or dispensacion that is to say the same person or personnes onely and none other shall for euery such defaulte Incurre the daunger peyne and penaltye of. xx. li. sterlynge

And also lose the hole profites of euery suche benefyce or benefices as he receiueth or taketh by force of any suche lycence or lycenses vnyon tolleracion or dyspensacion. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to bee to kynge our soueraygne lorde and the other halfe thereof to hym that will sue for

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the same by originall writte, bill playnte of dette, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which accion and sute no wager of lawe essoyne, or protection for the defendant shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that this acte concernynge the not keppynge of moe benefices with cure of soule than one extende ne be preiudicial to any personne or persones, which at any time before the said first daye of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. and .xxx. shal bee really intitled or possessed of anye such benefices with cure of soule, as concernynge or touchynge any of the same benefices, whereof they shal than be al redy really intitled or possessed before the sayd daye to or vnder ỹ numbre of. iiii. and not aboue and if any suche spirituall personne or personnes so beyng intitled or possessed of mo benefices with cure of soule than. iiii. do not by the sayd first day of Aprill clerely and without perely pencion resigne or otherwyse geue vp all and euery such benefices and benefice as he shal be so entitled and possessed of aboue the sayde numbre that than it shal be lefull for euery patron hauing the aduouson of any suche benefice ouer the numbre aforesayde, to presente an other, and the presentee to haue the benefite of the same in like maner and forme, as thoughe it had ben voyde by death or resignacion of the incumbent any lycens, vnion, or other dispensacion to ỹ contrary herof obtayned notwithstandinge. And this clause of presentacion to be taken & vnderstanden and of suche benefyces with cure of soule, as were geuen to any such spirituall person after the sayd numbre of. iiii. benefices with cure furnished and fulfilled.

¶ Prouided also that all spirituall men now beynge or whiche hereafter shalbe of the kynges counsayle, maye purchase lycence or dispensacion and take, receiue and kepe thre personages or benefices with cure of soule, and that all other beynge the kynges chapleynes, and not sworne of his counsayle, the chapleynes of the queene, prince or princesse, or of any the kynges children, bretherne, sisters, vncles or auntes maye semblablye purchase lycence or dyspensacyon and receyue and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule. And in lykewyse that euery archbishoppe and duke may haue. vi. chapleyns whereof euery one shal and may purchace licence, or dyspensacyon and take, receyue and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule and that euery marques and erle maye haue fiue chapleynes whereof euery one may purchase licence or dispensacion, and take receyue and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euery biscounte and other bisshoppe may haue foure chaplaynes whereof euery one may purchase licence, and receyue, haue and kepe. ii. personages or benefices with cure of soule as is aforesayd. And that the chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beynge, and euery baron and knyght of the Garter may haue thre chapleines whereof euery one shal now purchace licence or dispensacion & receiue, haue and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euerye Duches, marques, Countesse and baronesse, beynge wydowes, may haue. ii. chaplaynes whereof euery one of them

theim maye purchase lycence or dispensacion to receyue, haue, and kepe two benefices withe cure of soule, and that the treasourer and comptroller of the kinges house the kinges secretarie and deane of his chapell the kinges amner, and ỹ mayster of the rolles may haue euery of them two chapleynes, and the chiefe Justices of the kynges benche one chapleyne. And the wardeyn of the fiue portes for the tyme beynge one chapleine whereof euery one may purchace licence and, receiue haue, and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that the bretherne and sunnes of all temporall lordes whiche are borne in wedlocke may euery of thē purchase licence or dispensacyon, and receiue haue and kepe, as many personages or benefices with cure as the chapleines of a duke or an archebishop And lyke wise the bretherne and sunnes borne in wedlock of euery knight may euery of them purchace lycence or dispensacion & receyue take & kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule.

¶Prouided alwayes that the sayde chaplaynes so purchasinge takynge, receyuynge and keppynge, benefyces with cure of sowle, as is aforesayde, shalbee bounde to haue and exhibite where nede shal bee letters vnder the sygne, and seale of the kynge or other their lorde and mayster testefyenge whose chaplaynes they bee, and elles not to enioye anye suche pluralitye of benefyces bye suche chaplayne. Any thynge in this acte not withstandinge

¶Be it also prouided that all doctoures and bachelers, of diuinitye, doctoures of lawe, and bachelers of lawe canon, and euerye of them whiche shall bee admitted to anye the sayde degrees, by anye of the vnyuersitye of this realme, and not by grace onely, may purchase licence, and take haue and kepe, ii. personages or benefices with cure of soule, so that alwaies the sayde libertye by any of the prouisions beforesayde geuen to any of ỹ sayd counsailoures, chaplaines and other personnes before specified, to purchase lycence or dispensacion, and take, receiue and kepe mo benefyces than one after the maner and fourme aforesayde, be taken and vnderstanden to extende in numbre to no mo benefyces with cure of soule than is aboue limytted, accomptynge in the same and as parcell thereof suche benefyces with cure of soule as any of the sayde persons shall haue in reall title, or in their possession at the sayde first daye of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god M.v.C.and.xxx.

¶Prouided also that euery archebishoppe because he muste occuppye viii. chaplaynes at consecracions of byshoppes. And euery byshope because he must occupie.vi.chapleines, at geuing of orders and consecracions of churches, may euery of thē haue. ti.chapleines ouer and aboue ỹ numbre aboue limitted vnto them whereof euery one may purchase lycence or dispensaciō and take receiue & kepe many personages and benefices with cure of soule as is before assigned of suche chaplaynes.

Prouided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that no persone

or persons to whom any numbre of chaplaines or any chaplayne by any of the prouisions aforesayde is limitted, shal in any wise by coloure of anye of the same prouisions, auaunce any spirituall person or personnes, aboue the numbre to them appoynted to receyue or kepe any mo benefyces with cure or soule than is aboue limitted by this acte any thinge specifyed in the said prouisions not withstandynge: and if they dooe than euery suche spirituall person and persons, so uaunced aboue the sayd numbre to incurre the peine and penaltye contayned in this acte.

Be it also furthermore enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that as well euery spirituall person now beynge promoted to any archdeconry, deanry, or dignitye to any monasterie or cathedral church or other churche conuentual or collegiall or beynge benefised with anye personage or vicarage as all and euery spirituall persone and persones, whiche hereafter shall be promoted to anye of the sayde dignityes or benefices with anye personage or vicarage from the feast of sainct Mighell the archaungell nexte comming, shall be personallye resident and abidyng in, at and vpon his sayde dignitye, prebende, or beynfyce, or at one of them at the leaste. And in case anye such spiritual persō at any time after ẏ said feast, kepe not residence at one of his sayde dignityes, prebende, or benefyces, as is aforesayde, but absent him selfe wilfullye by the space of one monethe together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere & make his residence and abydyng in any other places, by suche tyme that than he shall forfaite for euerye suche defaute. x.li. sterlinge. The one halfe thereof to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe of the same to the partye that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writte of dette, byll, plainte, or information. In whiche accion and sute the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any essoyne or protection allowed.

And if any persō or persōs procure or obtaine at the court of Rome or els where any maner of licence or dispensaciō to be none resident at their said dignities, prebende, or benefices contrary to this acte, that than euery such persone or persones puttynge in execucion, any such dispensation, or licence for him selfe, from the sayde first daye of Aprill in the yere of our lorde god M.v.C.xxx. shall renne and incurre in the penaltye, damage and peyne of xx. pounde sterlinge, for euery tyme so doinge to bee forfayted and recouered as is abouesayde, and suche lycence or dispensacion so procured, or to be put in execucion, to be voide and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte of none residence shal not in any wise extende ne be preiudiciall to any such spiritual person as shal chaunce to be in the kinges seruice beyonde the sea nor to anye personne or persones goynge to any pilgrimage or holy place beyond the sea, duryng the time that they shall so be in the kynges seruice or in their pylgrimages goinge and retournynge home nor to any scholer or scholars beynge conuersante and abydynge for studie without fraude or couine at any vniuersitie within this

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realme or without nor to anye of the chapleynes of the kinges or queenes daylye or quarterly attending and abyding in the kinges or queenes moste honorable housholdes. Nor to any of the chapleines of the prince or princesse or any of the kinges or queenes childzen, brethern or sisterne attēding daily in their honorable housholdes duringe so longe as they shall attende in any of their sayde houseboldes. Nor to any chaplain of any archbishope or bishop or of any spirituall or temporall lordes of the parliament .daylye attendinge, abydynge, and remaynynge, in any of theyr honorable houseboldes. Nor to any chaplein of any duches, marques, contesse vicountesse, or baronesse, attending daylye and abydynge, in anystheir honorable houseboldes. Nor to any chaplein of the lord chauncellour or tresourer of Englād the kynges chaumberlayne or stewarde of his housholde for the tyme beynge the tresourer and comptrolet of the kynges moste honorable householde for the tyme beynge attendynge dayly in any their honorable householdes. Nor to any chapleine of anye of ỹ knightes of the honorable order of the garter, or of the chyefe iustice of the kynges benche, wardein of the portes or also of the mayster of the rolles. Nor to any chaplaine of the kinges secretarye and deane of the chapell, or amner for the tyme beyng: daily attendyng and dwellyng in any their housholdes. duringe the tyme that any suche chapleine or chapleines shal abyde and dwell, without fraude or couin, in any of the sayd honorable housholdes. Nor to the mayster of the rolles or deane of the arches. Nor to any chauncellour or cōmissarie of any archebishoppe or bishoppe. Nor to as manye of the .xii. maysters of the chaunceryre, and .xii. aduocates of the arches, as be or hereafter shall be spirituall men duringe so longe tyme as they shall occupye their saide roumes and offices. Nor to any suche spirituall persons, as shal happen by iniunction of the lorde chauncellour, or the kynges counsaile to bee bounde to any dayly apparance and attendaunce, to answere to the lawe, duringe the tyme of suche iniunction.

¶ Prouided also that it shalbee lefull to euery spirituall persoune or persones, beyng chapleines to the kinge our souerayne lorde, to whom it shall please his highnes to geue any benefices or promotions spirituall, to what numbre so euer it be, to accepte and take the same without incurryng the daunger penaltye and forfaiture in this estature compeised. And that also it shalbe lefull to the kinges highnes to geue licence to euerye of his owne chapleynes for none residence vpon their benefices. Any thing in this present act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctority afore-sayde that no spirituall persoune, seculer or reguler beneficed with cure as is afore rehersed, from the feast of saincte Michell tharchaungell next comming bye auctoritye of any maner lycence, dispensation, or other wyse shall take any particuler stipende or salarie to singe for any soule. Nor haue or occupye by hym selfe or by any other to his vse any personage, or vicarage in ferme of the leese or graunte of any persoune or persones, nor take any profite or rente

out of any suche ferme, vppon peyne to forfaite. xl. s. for euery suche weke hat he or any to his vse shall occupye or haue anye suche stipende or ferme contrarye to this present acte. And vpon peyne to lose. x. times the value of such profitt or rente as he shall take out of anie suche ferme after the sayde feaste. The one halfe of which forfaitures to be to the king our soueraigne lorde and the other moytie to him that wil sue for ẏ same by originall writ, byl, playnte of Debte or by informacion in anye of the kinges courtes, in which sute and action no wager of law shalbe admitted for the defendāt, nor any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye that no deanerie, archdeaconry, chauncellourship, treasorership, chauntership, or prebende, in any cathedrall or collegiall church, nor personage that hath a vicar indued, nor anye benifice perpetually appropriate, bee taken or comprehended vnder the name of benefyce, hauing cure of soule in any article afore specified.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritye afore sayd that no spirituall personne or personnes reguler or seculer, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he or they be from the first day of Aprill next commynge, haue, vse, or kepe by him or them selfe or by any person or personnes to his or their vse or commoditie any maner of tāne house or tanne houses, to be vsed or occupyed to his or their owne vse, commoditye or behoue nor from the sayde firste daye of Aprill, nexte commynge shall haue, vse, or kepe any maner of brewhouse or brewhouses to any other vse, intente, or behoue than onelie to be spente and ocupyed in his or their owne howses, vppon peine to forfaite for euery moneth so vsinge and occupiyng any of the sayd misteries, or occupacions. x. li. The one moitye thereof to the kinge our soueraygne lorde & the other moity to him that will sue for the same bye origynall writte, byll, plainte of dette, or informacion in anye of the kynges courtes, in whiche accion and sute, no wager of law shall bee admitted for the defendante, ne any essoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes that euery duches, marques, contesse, baronesse, widowes, whiche haue taken or that hereafter shall take any housebandes, vnder the degre of a baron, may take such number of the chaplaines as is aboue limitted to them beynge wydowes: and that euery suche chapleine may purchase licence to haue and take such numbre of benefices with cure of soule, and haue lyke lybertye of none residence in maner and fourme as they myght haue done if their said ladies and maistresses hadde kepte thē selfe wydowes: Any thinge in this present acte contained to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that euerye spirituall person or personnes, hauinge landes, tenementes, or other possessions in the right of their houses aboue the yerely value of viii. C. markes maye kepe and retayne in their occupacion and manurance, as muche as their sayd landes, and tenementes, and other possessions, as shallbe necessarie and sufficient for pasturage of their cattells, and for tillage of cornes to be employed and spente for the onelie

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maintenaunce, sustentacion and kepinge of his or their householdes and hospitalityes, without fraude or coun:any thing in this present act to the contrarye thereof not withstanding.

Prouided alwaye that it may be lefull to euery spirituall person and persons to take in ferme anye meses, mansions, or dwellinge houses, hauinge but onely orchardes or gardains in any citye, borroughe, or towne for theyr owne habitacion or dwellynge. Any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding. So that no person spirituall other than be aboue prouided for, for their none residence haue any libertye of none residence by colour of this prouiso.

An act concerning linnen cloth, called dowlas and lokerams. Cap. xliii.

In most humble wise sheweth vnto the kinges highnes, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliamente assembled. The linnen drapers inhabitauntes within the citye of London, vsinge to sell linnen clothe, called dowlas and lockeram of ꝑ commodi. les wrought and made in Britaine, in the partyes beyond the sea that where by all the tyme, wherof mynd of man is not to the contrary in the tyme of the kinges most noble progenitoures, all suche marchauntes as well englishe as straungers as at anye tyme broughte or conueied the sayde dowlas and lokeram into this realm of England, brought and conueied the same in peces. or halfe peces, euery whole pece of dowlas conteining in lengthe. v. score elles of assise accoumpting to euerye ell one inche of assise, & in bredthe one yarde of assise, and euerye halfe pece fiftye ells in lengthe, and one yard in bredthe of lyke assise. And all the hole peece and halfe pece of one goondes in making, and as wel euery pece of lokeram to be of lyke length as the hole peece of dowlas. and euery halfe peece of lockeram to bee of lengthe, as the halfe pece of dowlas, and euery such hole peece and halfe pece to be in bredth a hole yard lacking a naile of the yarde and euery pece and halfe pece to be in like goodnes by all the lengthe of the same pece whiche whā it was so vsed, was to the great profit of all the kinges subiectes.

And now of late within the space of. xx. or. xxx. yeres passed, diuers personnes for their owne synguler lucres, haue broughte all the sayde Dowlas, and lockeram in halfe peeces, whiche halfe pece lacketh in euerye suche one halfe pece of the due lengthe iiii. or. v. elles, and some more and some lesse, beside the bredth of assise and acustomed to the great and extreme hurt of the kinges poore subiectes, occuppers, byers, and sellars of the same. It may therefore please your highnes with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled and by auctoritye of the same, to enacte and establishe, that no personne or persons, englishe nor straunger, denizen nor alien, from or after the feaste

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of sanyte Myghell the archangell nexte commynge, shall bringe or conuey or cause to bee broughte, or conueyed, by anye maner of meanes into this realme of Englande, any of the said linnen clothe, called dowlas or lockerams so to bee brought or conueied into this realme not contaynynge the full lengthes, breadthes, goodnesse, & assises, as is aforesayd and as heretofore in olde tymes haue bene accustomed and vsed, vnder peyne of forfayture of the same dowlas and lockeram, so to be broughte or conueied into this realme, not contaynynge the full lengthe bredth, goodnes and assise, or the value therof the on halfe to the king our soueraygne lorde and the other halfe of the sayde forfaiture to hym or them that shal take or sease the same or sue for the same by action, or informacion, byll or otherwise.
In which actions suites or informacion no wager of lawe or essoyne shal bee admitted.

An acte that all termers may enioy their lesses agaynst recoueries had by fained titles and falsifie the same recoueries. Cap. xv.

Where afore this time diuers persõs haue made lesses of their manoures landes, tenementes, and other hereditamẽtes somtime by their indentures & somtime without wrytinges to other persons for terme of yeres, taking of them great fines for the incõmes of the same leasses & after the same lessoures, their heires or assignes, haue caused and suffred recouerys to bee had against them in the courte of our soueraygne lord the king and in other lordes courtes vpon feined & vntrewe titles by crafte and couin to put ỳ sayde termers from their said termes. And after suche recoueries had the same recouerers by reason of suche recouerys and iudgmentes haue entered into the same manoures, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, so to fermelett̃, and therof haue expulsed the said fermers, contrary to their said leasses couenauntes and agrementes. And because it was doubted to some persõs whether ỳ sayd termers might falsifie suche recoueries or not.

Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all suche termers shall and maye falsifie for his terme onely, suche recoueries as wel here to fore had, as herafter to be had, in such wise and fourme as a tenaunte of a free holde, shall and may do by the course of the common law, where suche tenaunte of freeholde was neither pryue nor partye to the same recouerye And that the same termers, their executoures and assignes not withstandynge suche recoueries so had, shall retayne, holde, and enioye their sayd termes accordinge to their sayde leasses agaynst all suche recoueries their heires and assignes after suche recouerye so had shall haue lyke remedye agaynst the sayde termers their executoures and assignes, by auowrye or

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action of dett for therentes, and seruices, reserued vppon the same lesses beinge dewe after the same recoueries, and also take actions against them for wast done after the same recoueries so had in like maner & fourme as the sayd lessoures should or mighte haue had, if the same recoueries had neuer be had, And also be it further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that no maner of statute of the staple, statute marchaunt nor execucō by elegit, be hereafter auoyded or in any wyse made frustrate, by meanes of any suche feyned recouerie but that all persons hauing any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes in execucion, or beyng intitled to haue execucion of any manoures, landes or tenementes by any such meanes shal haue by force of this estatute like remedye to avoyde and falsifie the same recoueries, as before is ordayned and prouided for the lesse for terme of yeres.

An acte concerning artficers straungers. Cap. xvi.

PRaien the cōmons in this presente parliamēt assembled that where in the xv. day of Febuary in the .xx. yere of the raigne of our now most gracious soueraigne lord the kinge Henry the .viii. by our said soueraygne lorde the king his most honorable counsail in his sterr chaumber at Westminster for y cōmō welthe of his natural subiectes borne within this his realme, by great and deliberate aduise, it was demed, adiudged, and decreed that no straunger artificer, borne out of our sayd soueraygne lorde his obeisaunce, inhabiting within any citye borough or any other place within this his realme of Englande. from henseforthe shoulde kepe in his or their house or houses, any maner straungers seruauntes, borne out of his obeysaunce, but onely ii. seruauntes straungers and no moe at one time. And also al and singuler straungers, that than were, or after the making of the said decree should be made denizens, that at the time or after the making therof, would inhabite within the citee of London, suburbes or within .vii. myles compasse of the same and kepe or woulde kepe houses or occuppe their crafte, should bee contributories to and with our sayde soueraygne lorde his subiectes artificers within the sayde citye of London, payinge, bearynge, and susteininge suche charges, as hereafter shalbee expressed, that is to say, that all other straungers artificers, denizens or no denizens of euery handye crafte or misterye inhabiting as wel within the citie of London as in any other citye, towne borough, or village. within this his realme, shoulde pay beare and susteyne all such and like charges, as our said soueraygne lorde his subiectes of lyke crafte and misterie do alwayes vse to pay.

¶ And if any of them refused or denyed, the same or any parte therof than hee or they so denyinge or refusynge so to do shoulde not any longer occuppye any handye crafte, vppon the peynes, damages, and perylles specyfyed as wel in the actes or statutes made in the .viii. and .xv. yeres of y raygne of our nowe soueraygne lord, as in one estatute made in the firste yere of

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the reigne of kynge Richarde the.iii. And that the same straungers, denizens or no denizens householders, which wold remaine and abyde within our sayde souereygne lorde his realme, should vppon lawfull warnynge to them geuen, by the mayster and wardaines of diuers and sundry misteries, mencioned and specified in the sayde decree within the sayd cityes and townes presente them selfe in the common halle, or meetynge place of the sayde craftes and there to receyue and take theyr othe, and bee sworne vppon the holy Euangelyste before the mayster and wardaynes of their said crafte, to be faythfull and trew to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and his heires, kinges of Englande, and to bee obediente to him and them and his and their lawes.

Also that no straunger artificers or handy craftes man borne out of our sayde soueraygne lorde his obeisaunce not beynge denizen, whiche was not a howsholder, the.xv. daye of Februarye aboue sayde, should not set vp ne kepe any house, shoppe, shoppes, or chamber wherein they shold exercise or occupy any handy crafte or misterye within this our sayde soueraygne lorde his realme vppon payne to incurre and runne into suche penaltyes as be contayned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted as is afore sayde. And that none of the straungers artifycers or handy craftes men borne out of our soueraygne lorde his obeisaunce as well denizens as no denizens, shoulde assemble in any compaynye felowshippe congregacion or conuenticle but onely in the common halle of their craftes with our sayde soueraygne lorde his subiectes whiche be of the companyes of theyr sayde crafte or craftes, at suche time as they shoulde bee commaunded and warned by the sayde mayster and wardeines of their sayde crafte or craftes, And at none other place and tyme or in any other maner vppon the peyne afore expressed as by the sayde decree shewed and exemplifyed, and here vnto annexed, vnder our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge his greate seale more playnly and at large it may and dothe appeare: That for the common welthe aboue sayde it maye bee enacted by the kinge our souerayngne lord the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled and by the auctoritie of the same that the saide order and decree, hadde geuen, and made, by our sayde souerayngne Lorde the king his moste honorable counsayll and all and euery thynge therein contayned specified and declared be holden and obserued firme and stable and duelye to bee put in execucion in euery poynte and article in maner & fourme as is aboue rehersed, accordynge to the purporte, effecte, and true meaninge of the same.

Be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritye aboue sayde, that the acte made in the parliamente begonne at London the.xv day of Aprill, in the xiii.yere of the reigne of our sayde souerayngne lorde the kynge that nowe is and from London adiourned to westminster the last daye of July, in ỹ xv. yere of the raygne of our sayde souerayngne lorde concerning straungers artifycers for takynge of apprentyces iourneymen and couenaunte

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ſeruauntes and euery article and prouiſions contayned in the ſame acte, ſhallbe from henſforth be put in due execucion, accordynge to the trewe intente, meaning, and purporte of the ſame as well within the citye of London as in all other cities, boroughes and townes corporate within this realme, & the ſame to endure perpetually any thing contained in the ſaid act or decree to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that no artificer, aliant or eſtraunger, borne out of the kinges obeyſaunce, beyng a houſeholder or inhabityng with in anye of the vniuerſities of Orforde and Cãbridge or within the ſainctuary of ſaint Martin le graunde within the citye of London, ſhall fromhenſforth haue or retayne in their ſeruice, iourneymen or apprentices, beynge alyantes, or eſtraungers borne, aboue the numbre of.x. perſons at one time vpon peine of the penaltie contained in the ſaid acte made in the ſaid. xiii. and. xv. yere of our layd ſoueraygne lorde: The prouiſion contayned or ſpecified in the ſame acte notwithſtandyng.

¶ The decree made in the Sterre chaumber for artificers ſtraungers by the kynges moſt honorable counſayle the. xx. day of Febryary in the. xx. yere of the raygne of our ſouerainge lord kinge Henry the. viii.

HENRICVS octauus dei gratia Angliæ, Francie & Hibernie Rex, fidei defenſor, & in terra eccleſiæ Anglicanæ & hiberniæ, ſupremum caput: omnibus, ad quos preſentes litteræ peruenerint. ſalutem. Inſpeximus quoddam breue noſtrum de certiorand, Thome Eliot clerico conſilii nõſtri direct. & in filaciis cancellar. noſtræ reſiden, in hæc verba: Dilecto ſibi Thomæ Eliot armigero, clerico conſilij noſtri ſalutem. Volentes certis de cauſis certiorari ſuper tenore cuiuſdam finalis decreti coram nobis & conſilio noſtro habit. de & ſuper executione quorundam ſtatutorum & ordinationum contra alienigen. exercentes artes & artificia manualia, inhabitantes infra regnum noſtrum Angliæ edit. & prouiſ. tibi precipimus quod tenorem finalis decreti predict. cum omnibus eum tangentibus nobis in Cancellar. noſtram ſub ſigillo tuo diſtincte & aperte ſine dilatione mittas, & hoc breue. Teſte meipſo apud vveſtmonaſt. xiiii. die Aprilis, Anno regni noſtri. xx. Inſpeximus etiam quoddam decretum per nos & concilium noſtrum apud vveſtmonaſt. in Camera ſtellata redditum & in filaciis eiuſdem Cancelari. noſtræ ſimiliter reſiden. in hec verda.

WHere of late our true and faithful ſubiectes, artificers and handye craftes men borne vnder our obeiſaunce inhabiting within our citye of London and the ſuburbes of the ſame, exhibited vnto vs a lamentable byll of complainte contayning that notwithſtandyng many good and neceſſarye ſtatutes and

and actes of parliament haue bene edifyed, ordayned and made, and especiall one in the first yere of kynge Richarde the third. And the other beynge made in the yere of the raigne of our dereſt father of noble memorie, Henry the.vii. late kynge of this our realme and in the. xiiii. and.xv. yeare of our raigne, concernynge the ſtraungers, artificers, & handy craftes men, borne out of your obeiſaunce, vſinge and exercyſynge handye craftes within this our realme of England, as wel for the reſtraining of the exceſſiue numbre and vnreaſonable behauiour of the ſame ſtrangers artificers borne out of our obeyſaunce, whiche by continuall reſorte and repayre into this our ſaid realme daply increaſed to the greate detriment of our owne naturall ſubiectes, artificers of the ſame handy craftes and myſteries, and of other ſondrie inconueniences, by occaſion that diuers of the ſayd ſubiectes for lacke of occupacion, fall into idelnes: as alſo for the reformacion of ſundrye dyſceytes and falſehoodes practiſed by the ſayd ſtraungers artificers in theyr ſayde handy craftes, to the great damage and loſſe of vs and of al our ſaid naturall ſubiectes. The ſayde ſtraungers, artificers, nothing pondringe or dredynge the ſayde ſtatutes, ne the penalties in the ſame contained and expreſſed, ceaſſe not contemptuously, as well to abuſe the ſayde ſtatutes as moſt parte intierly to infring and breake the ſame. And to accumulate frō time to time more offences & ennormities as wel againſt our prerogatiue as to the detrimente of the common welthe of this our realme and our louing ſubiectes of the ſame, for whan any ſerche ſhallbe made in euery handie crafte within any citye, towne or borough corporate, within our ſayde realme by our ſubiectes, the ſaid wardaines and others ordained by ỳ ſaid laſt acte of handy craftes men, within any citye, towne or borough corporate and one houſholder ſtraunger borne out of our obeiſaunce inhabiting within our ſayde citye towne or borough corporate, vſing any handy craft be he denizen or not denizen, the ſaide ſtraunger beyng a houſholder as before is ſayde, being lawfully warned and required therevnto, accordyng to the ſayde acte, other will refuſe to do his dutye therein, or els he will geue ſecrete warnynge thereof to his bretherne of the ſayde craftes, whereby they haue not onely conueighed and hidde al their vnlawful, vntrew ſubtill, and diſceitfull wares whiche they vntruely ſubtilly, vnſubſtancially and dyſceytfullye haue made and daylye make and vtter, to our ſubiectes at exceſſiue and vnreaſonable prices to the great detriment and damages of our ſayde ſubiectes, but alſo their ſeruauntes, and prentyces, they haue hyd from the knowledg of the ſayde wardens whan any ſuche ſerch hath happned to be made and to defraude the ſame good and honorable eſtatute and acte. So that thereof no lawfull punyſhment could, can, myghte, or maye enſue accordynge to the tenure, purporte and effecte of the ſayde ſtatute but they contempne, diſpiſe and ſet at naught the ſame wherbyand by the other vnlawfull meanes aforeſayd, and others, as ſubtilly ſendynge and conueiyng ouer the Sea, bacon, cheeſe, poudered beffes, muttons, and other commodityes within this our realme, not onelye within and out of

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the said cityes, townes, and boroughes, corporate, but also within and out of other places through out our realme, by them the sayd straungers practised and executed, whereby they daily encrease in greate richesse, and in great multitude in numbres of straungers handye craftes men borne out of our obeisaunce. And whan they haue gathered muche riches and money, they agaynst our lawes conuey the same money ouer ỳ sea. And than they also goe ouer the sea into their countreis: and ther purchase them landes and tenementes with parte thereof and with the residew of the same they liue thereby. And sometyme they conuerte parte thereof to the vse of our enemyes in those partyes. And so as wel our pore subiectes corderwainers, and all our subiectes handye craftes men borne within our obeysaunce by the meanes aforesayde, bee sore impouerysshed, minysshed and almoste vtterly decayed and distroied and many of them for lacke of occupacion in the sayde handye craftes, bee constrayned to liue in idlenes by occasion whereof, they do cõtinually fall to theyte, murder and other greate offences, and consequently in great numbres be put to death by our lawes as we be informed. And also the great scarcitie of grayne & vittaile at this present time throughout this our realme to be the more enforced and caused by reason of the great multitude and continual recours of the sayd straungers handye craftes men, whiche consume a great porcion of corne, and vittaile, growen and bredde within this our realme, the premisses, cõsidered to the entent to be therof more perfectly and truely instructed, for the charitable zeale that we haue to the common weale of our realm, and our sayd subiectes of the same: and for the quietnes of the sayd straungers we haue assigned and geuen in commaundement to our lordes and others of our counsaile indifferently to examine the premisses, and as well to here the sayd complayntes, as the sayd defendantes, and their allegiaunces and saienges of, in, and to the premisses, and to euery partie therof, and the same by them harde, examined and by good deliberate aduise vnderstanden, to ordeyne, adiudge and decree the same, after their wysdomes and lerninge, wherupon as well the sayd bill of complaynt the answere of the saide defendantes therunto made, the replication of the sayd complainauntes to the sayd answere also made. And all other allegiaunces and saying of both the sayde partyes, by mature and deliberate aduise by our sayde counsaile ripely examined, hard, and vnderstande.

¶ It is ordeined adiudged and decreed, the .xx. daye of Febuarye in this present terme of saynct Hillarye. in the .xx. yere of our reigne in out sterred chamber by the moste reuerende father in god. Thomas lorde Cardinall legate de la terre of the apostolique see. archebishoppe of Yorke, primate. and Chauncellour of Englande, and by our nobles and others of our sayd counsaile. and by the mutual assentes of the complainantes and defendantes than there being in maner and fourme folowinge. That is to saye that according to the act of parliament made the sayd .xiii i. and .xb. yere of our reygne, that no straunger artificer borne out of our obeisaunce. inhab-

tyng within any citye, towne, or boroughe, or any other place within this our realme of England, from thenceforthe he shall kepe in his or their house or houses any maner of seruauntes straungers borne out of our obeysance, but onely two straungers seruauntes, and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers artyficers, now inhabityng within any citye, towne, or borough corporate, or in any other place within our sayde realme that will be apprentices or seruauntes to or with any of our subiectes artificers borne within our obeisaunce. exercisinge newe or olde stuffe, inhabytynge within our sayd realme shall bee suffered so to abyde and dwell with them, without interrupcion, as longe as they will so continue and abyde with them and can agree together.

¶ And furthermore it is decreed that it shal be lefull to al and euery of the sayd straungers artificers nowe beynge hoseholders within our sayde realme to take as manye of our subiectes borne within our obeisaunce, to be their seruauntes and apprentices in the crafte that they doe exercyse, as they can lawfully gett. And that all the straungers artificers, nowe beynge householders within our sayde citye of London, suburbes, parishes, or compasse thereof expressed in the sayde statutes, or within .ii. myles compasse of the sayd parrishes. And also al and singuler straungers that nowe be or hereafter shall bee made denisens that do or hereafter will inhabite within our sayd city of London, suburbes, or parrishes aforesayde, or within .ii. myles compasse of the same, and kepe howses, and occupy their crafte shall be contributorie to & with our subiectes artificers within our citie of London, paiyng, bearinge, & susteinyng such charges as herafter shalbe expressed. That is to say, aswel euery of the said straungers, beyng of the craft & misteries of corduwainers, householders, as denisens that now be or hereafter shall bee made denisens and shall inhabite within our sayde citie, suburbes, parishes or .ii. myles compas of the same shall quarterly pay to the said maister wardeines and cominaltie of the said craft of Corduwainers within our saide citie of London for the time beinge .vi.d. And euerye seruaunte straunger of the sayde occupacyon of the sayde corduwayners within the sayde citye, suburbes, and precincte, nor beyngedenisen, shal quarterlye pay to the saide mayster wardaynes and comminaltye .iii.d And that al other straungers artifycers, and denisens, of euerye handy crafte and misterie, inhabitynge as well within our sayde citye of Londone, as in anye other citie or towne within this our realme shall paye beare and susteyne, all suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and misterye borne out of our obeysaunce. Inhabitynge within the citye, boroughe, towne of there habytacyon at thys tyme, dooe beare and susteyne. And also all straungers artificers and denisens exercisinge the crafte and misterie of Corduwayners, dwellinge out of our citie of London in anye other citye or towne withe in this realme shall paye beare, and susteyne, scotte, Tares, tallages, subsydies, prestes and al other reasonable exactions from tyme to time, accordyng as the sayde maysters, wardaines and companies,

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of the sayd craftes for the tyme beynge shall be bounden to pay, beare, and susteyne, when any subsidie taxe, tallage, or prest or other reasonable charges, shalbe by the mayre and aldermen of our sayde citye of London: and the maires and aldermen of our sayde other citye and townes, or bye the common counsaile of the sayd city, cities and townes, of and for any charges of paimentes of money to be paide by the companies of the sayde craftes, citizens of anye citye for anye paimente to bee made vnto the kynges highneisse, or his heires or els to be paid for any cause concernyng the common welthe of any our sayd cities or townes or common welthe of ỹ said artificers. the sayd straunger shall paye all the same, that they shalbe assessed or tared to pay, as contributories with the said cõpanies being our subiectes as our said subiectes shalbe assessed, & tared to pay. And if any of thẽ denye or refuse ỹ same or any part therof than he or they denying and refusing so to do, shal not onely lose the benefite of this decree, but also shal not any longer occupie any handi craft vpõ the peines, daũgers & perils specified in ỹ aboue remẽbred actes & statutes.

¶ And that as wel al and euery of the sayd housholders straungers afore sayde as all other straungers artificers, made or to be made denisens, that shalbe householders, and inhabite, and occuppe any crafte within our said citye, suburbes. or.ii. myles compasse of the same as longe as they shall remayne and abyde within the said citie, suburbes, and two miles compasse of the same, beynge reasonablye required and warned by the wardeines & other person gouernours in any citye towne or borough corporate of theyr sayd craftes within any of our sayde cities or townes corporate or by anye of them for the tyme beynge or by their lawfull deputies or deputye, shall go with the sayd wardeines or other gouernours there as no wardeines be, to make serche accordyng to the aboue remembred actes of parliament made in the.xiii. and.xv. yere of our reygne, whiche if they refuse to dooe, and that proued before the chauncellour of Englande, or before the maire of London and in other cityes before the chiefe personnes of the sayde cities or townes, for the tyme beynge: That then the same housholders, or householder so offendinge, denynge, or refusinge the same, shall nooe longer the same his occupacion, exercise or vse within this our realme, vppon peyne, perill and daunger expressed in the afore remembred actes and statutes. And that the same straungers artificers. denisens or not denisens, householders, whiche will remayne and abyde within our sayde realme, shall vppon lawfull notice to them geuen by the mayster or wardeines of their crafte or one of them personally presente them selues in the common halle or metynge place of their sayde craftes within our sayde citye, and townes there as they be inhabiting and then and there euerye of them to receiue and take their othes, and be sworne vppon the holy Enangelist before the said maister and wardeins of their said crafte and misterie within our sayd citye and townes corporate to be faythfull and trewe to vs and

to our heires kinges of England, and to be obedient to vs, & them and to our and their lawes and to al actes, ordinaunces, and decrees, made and confirmed by vs and our counsaile or bye our counsaile and dewelye and trewely at al times whā they shalbe appoynted by the wardeins of their felowshippe crafte, or misterye, for the tyme beynge, or their deputyes, to make serche with them accordyng to the purporte, tenour or effecte of an estatute and act of parliament made in the .xiiii. and .xv. yere of our reygne and haue warning and monicion thereof by they wardeins or any of them or anye other their sufficiente deputye or deputies in that behalfe to theim made and geuen, and that they shal be readie to go with the said wardens to make the same serch, and that they shal not geue notice to any stranger of the sayde serche, vntill they with the saide wardeyns come together to make the sayd serch and that they shal wel, indifferently and truely behaue them in the same, settynge all affection, fauour malice & drede of any creature, and all fraude and disceite aparte, so helpe them god and all sayncte and by the holy Euangelist, And their othe so receiued, in fourme aforsaid the sayde straungers shall pay for their admission, accordynge as our sayde subiectes haue alwaye vsed to paye.

¶ It is also further decreed that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man borne out of our obeisaunce not beyng denisen, which at the daye of the makinge of this decree is not a householder within this our realme, or kepeth any shoppe or shoppes within the sayde citie, and suburbes, or any other citye, towne or borough within this our realme shall from that day forwarde sette vp, or kepe anye house, shoppe or chamber within our citye of London, suburbes or parishes before rehersed or within anye other citye towne, borough, or village within this our realme, wherin he shal exercise & practise anyhandy craft or misterie, vpō peyne to incurre & reuue in suche penalties as be contained in the statutes before this time made & enacted And that none of the sayde straungers, artificers, or handye craftes men, borne out of ourobeisaunce, as well denisens as other shal assemble in any company felowship, congregacion or conuenticle but onely in the common hall of their craftes with our subiectes whiche bee of the company of their said crafte or craftes at such time as they shalbe commaunded and warned by the mayster and wardeins of the sayd crafte or craftes and at no other place or tyme and in any other maner vppon peyne afore expressed.

¶ Prouided alway that this decree and euery parte thereof, concerninge the crafte and misterie of Cordeweaners shall extend as well to them that worke olde stuffe, as new within our citie of London the suburbes of the same or in any other citie towne, borroughe or village, within this our realme of Englande. ¶ Prouided also that not withstādynge any wordes compriſed in this decree, the straungers artificers denisens or not denisens, inhabitynge in the vniuersitye of Oxforde and Cambridge, and within the sainctuarye of sayncte Martines le graunde, within the citye of London, shall enioy all the benefites and aduauntages

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reserued vnto them by reason of any prouision made by acte of parliamēt expressed in the statute made in the xiiii. and .xv yere of our reigne, So that the sayd straungers denizens or not denizens inhabitinge within the said sainctuary of sainte Martins le graunde be confirmable to suche direction and order as shallbee taken by the reuerende father in god Cuthbert byshoppe of London, sir richarde brooke knighte chiefe baron of our eschequer, John More knight one of the Justices of our benche, sir John Daūcy and sir John Aleyn knightes to whom wee haue of late directed our letters patentes and by the same geuen them power and auctoritye, and commaundinge them and euery of them to cause the house of euerye straūger and denizen artificer inhabitynge and dwellyng within the said sainctuarie to bee serched and viewed howe many seruauntes he or they keepe borne out of our obeisaunce and they beyng all viewed and sene, than to appoynt to euery of the sayd straungers householders inhabitynge within the sayd sainctuary by them in fourme afore sayd so tryed to be within the bondes and limittes of the sayde sainctuarye such numbre of seruauntes straūgers born out of your obeisauuce, as they by theyr discreciōs shal thinke conuenient and sufficient and not to be at any detrimente vnto our subiectes inhabitauntes within our sayd citie

¶ Also commaundinge in our name al and euery the sayd straungers denizens householders, that they from hensefor the do not keepe within their howses, or in anye other house, shoppe or chamber within our sayd citye of London or the suburbes of the same, any mo seruauntes beynge borne out of our obeisaunce then shalbe to them at that tyme to them appoynted, as they will auoide ẏ daūger and penaltie of our lawes and what they haue done in the premisses, that they doo certifye to vs and our counsaile in our sterre chaumber at Westminster at the .xv. daye of Ester next comminge in witnesse wherof we wil as wel the saide decree as al other ẏ premisses shall be exemplified vnder our seale.

¶ Nos autem tenorem breuis & decreti predict. ad requisitionem magistri & gardianorum artis siue misteriæ aulutariorum siue Cordvveyners Lonpon duximus exemplificand. per presentes In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud westmonaster, vicesimo die Aprilis Anno regni nostri vicesimo.

¶ An act for the adnulling of the letters patentes made to the citye of yorke concerning shippyng of wolles. Cap. xvii.

VWhere as the king our soueraigne lord vppon feyned suggestions surmised to his highnesse to haue bene for the aduauncement of his aūcient citye of yorke by his letters patentes graunted vnto the mayre and citezens of the same citye of yorke to shippe conueye transporte and carye vnto the porte of Hulle in the countye of yorke wolles and felles of the growynge of diuers places in the sayde countye Expressed. As in the

sayde letters patentes may appere the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth. Henry the eyghte by the grace of god kyng of England Fraunce and Irelande defendour of the faith and of the churche of Englande & also of Irelande in earthe supreme head, to al and euery our iustices Mayres, shiriffes, bayliffes, customers, cõtrowlers, constables and all other our lieges & subiectes, as well within ỳ libertyes as without, greting. knowe you ỳ we of our especial grace, mere mocion & liberalitie hauing a tẽder zeale & loue to the encrease aduauncemẽt & amẽdment of our auncięt citie of Yorke haue geuen, & granted & by these presents geue & grant for vs and our heires as muche as in vs is. vnto our louinge & humble subiectes the maire & citysens of the sayd citye & to euery of them and to their heires & successours, & to the heires and successours of euery of them as long as they inhabite & dwel within our said citye & be free of the same, free libertye & licence frõ hensefoorth from tyme to tyme, to shippe, conueye transporte and carye vnto our porte of Hull, in our countie of Yorke, and from thens to al foreine countreis and regions at their pleasure, bye them selues, their apprentices iourneimen and factoures to their owne vse onelye. All suche wolles and felles, whiche any of the sayde citisens inhabited in our sayde citye and being free therof by their featoures & policies or marchaundise or otherwise may lawfully attayne and come by, of the sayd yrede fallynge, growyng, and encreasinge, within the limittes and places of Houdenshire Marcheland the honoure of Pountrete lately the forest of Knaresburghe Richemoundshire, Clefeland, the forest of Gautres, Blakemore, & Yorkeswold, or in any of them in our sayde countye of yorke without any danger, peine trouble or damage of any of the sayd citisens, their heires. or successours, or losse sesure or forfaiture of any of the said wolles or felles or any of the, or any peyne punishmente, or penaltye for them or anye of them, to be had done, or attempted for or by vs or our heires, or by anye of our ministers, or subiectes in our name or to our vse or to the vse of our heires, by vertue of any acte, vse, ordinaunce, or estatute heretofore made against any of the sayd citisens their heires or successours, & without any toll, charge, or imposicion, to be had, perceiued, & taken to our vse or to the vse of our heyres, of any of the sayde citizens for the sayde wolles and felles, or anye of them other than suche lyke custome and subsidye, as the inhabytauntes of our towne of Newcastell, for wolles and felles by them shipped, and transported to foraine countreis vse commonly to pay, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made or to be made to the contrary notwithstanding, whiche custome and subsidie shalbee contented to our vse from time to tyme bye our sayd citisens to our customer of the sayd porte of Hull, for the tyme beyng. And moreouer we of our especiall grace by these presentes grant vnto the sayde Maire and citesens that these our present letters of licence shall bee to the sayde Mayre and citesens and to euerye of them to their heires, and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them at all times hereafter good and auailable for euer, agaynste vs and our heires, in and

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for the premisses and for euery of them according to the tenure thereof, in euery behalfe without any restraint, repeale, diminucion or reuocacion here after to be had or made thereof or of any parte of the same, albe it there be no expresse mencion, of the verye value and certaintye of the premisses in these our letters specifyed, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made or to be made to the contrary not withstanding. And the said Mayre and citesens shall haue these our presente letters of licence vnder our great seale, wyth out any fine or fee to our vse in our hamper thereof to be payed, and without anye further warrante to bee obtained of vs to be directed to any of our ministers and officers in that behalfe. In witnesse whereof we haue caused these our letters patentes to bee sealed wyth our greate seale, at Hampton courte, the .xxii. daye of Auguste the .xv. yere of our reigne. Sithen the whiche letters patentes, the sayd citye is thereby nothinge helped ne encreased according to the sayd surmise nor the comminaltye thereof in any thing thereby increased or aduanced, but suche profit as did growe by reason of the sayde letters patentes came to the handes of .iii. or .iiii. persõs there onely, contrary to the entent and meanyng of our sayde soueraygne lorde: by reasone whereof our sayde soueraigne lorde hath susteined, and daylye doth susteyne great losses in his customes of wolles and felles: and the clothears there lacke the wolles, wherwith they vsed to make clothe within the sayde county whiche in lengthe should not onely growe to the hurte of all the kinges poore subiectes, that bee occupied with makinge of clothe in those partyes but also to the kinges disinheritaunce & minishing of his said customes if it were continued. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord by the aduice of the lordes spiritual and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled and by the assent and auctority of the same that the sayd letters patentes and euery thinge therein contayned be from henceforthe adnulled, repelled and voide and of none effecte. And that the sayde mayre and citesens, nor their heires nor successours wyll not haue ne take from henceforthe anye auauntage, profit or commoditye by reasõ of ỳ same letters patentes or of any licence and graunt or any other thinge therein contained in any wise. Prouided al way and be it enacted by the auctority afore said that no citisens or inhabitauntes within the said citye which before the first daye of this presente parliamente haue shipped, conueyed, or caried, any wolles or felles into the sayde porte of Hull by vertue and auctoryty of the kynges sayde letters patentes be charged ne chargeable vnto the kinges highnesse for or with more payment charge or impositiõ, for the sayd wolles or felles or any of them, other than with suche like custom and subside, as the inhabitantes of the towne of Newcastell, for wolles and felles by theym shipped and transported vsen cõmonly to pay according as is afore rehersed in the letters patents and no further ne otherwise any informacion or other charge or matter had made, or hereafter to bee made, or had in the kynges escheker or otherwyse for the same to the contrary not withstanding.

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An act concerninge Newcastell vppon Tine, and the porte and hauen thereunto belonging. Cap. xviii.

Umbly shewen to your highnesse your trew and faithfull subiectes the Maire burgeyses and comminaltie of your towne of Newcastell vpon tyne that where your grace & your moste noble progenitoures kinges of Englande, time out of mynde haue bene seased of the sayd towne and of the portes and haue of the riuer of Tine there vnto belonginge and of all grounde with water couered within the sayd riuer of Tine, from one place in the mouthe of the sayd riuer called the Sparhauke. to one other place in the same riuer called Hedwinstremes in their demeane as of fee in right of their crowne of Englande, and as parcell of the same. And duringe all the sayd tyme, all maner of person or persons as well free men as straungers and denisens, applyeng or commyng in the sayd porte, hauen, and riuer. from any parties of beyonde the sea or of this realme of Englande with shippes or other besselles, charged, or loden, with anye maner of wares or marchaundices or shippyng chargeyng or lodynge any shippes or vessels, with any kynde of marchaundices to be conueied out of this sayde port and hauen, to anye partyes of this realme of Englande or els where out of this sayde realme haue alwayes duringe all the sayde tyme vsed to charge & discharge, lode and vnlode their sayde goodes, wares, and marchaundises, at the sayde towne of Newcastell and no where els, within the sayd porte and hauen and there haue all wayes payed to your sayd highnesse and your said moste noble progenitoures all customes, subsides, tolles, and other thinges due for the same amountinge yerely to the summe of fiue hundred pouides and aboue whereof your sayd progenitoures, your highnes, and your assignes, haue ben hetherto duely and truly answered and paid as in your escheker more ample and at large doth appeare The whiche your towne of Newcastell is, as well in tyme of warres, as of peace, the chief key, relefe, and defence of all the partyes of this realme ther vnto adioynyng. And by reason of the sayde libertyes and fraunchesses, your sayd towne hath ben to this tyme wel replenished and mayntained. In so much as the inhabitauntes of your sayde towne, of late dayes haue bene able to serue your highnes in your warres with .iiii. C mariners or mo, apt and able persons for that purpose till nowe of late that diuers greate personages, as well spirituall as temporall, haynge landes adioynynge to the sayd porte and riuer betweene the sayd towne of Newcastell and the sea apt and easy for chargeynge and dischargeing of shippes and marchandices, haue charged and discharged, loden and vnloded, diuers shippes, and marchaundises within the sayde porte and hauen at the sayde places not payinge thereof any customes or duetyes to your highnesse, by meane whereof your sayde towne is likely to come to vtter decaye and ruine. and the inhabitauntes of the same to refuse and relinquishe the sayde towne, and to repayre and

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resorte to the sayde places to the greate disherison of your highnesse and minisshmente of your customes, subsides, and duetyes and profites customably payde at your towne and porte aforesayde. And also where diuers weiers and fisshegates of late tyme haue bene made, rered, fixed and set in the sayde porte and riuer of Tine betweene your sayde towne and the hie sea, by dyuers persons hauing great landes and tenementes adioyning to the sayde riuer, most specially within the bisshoprighe of Durhame, where your gracious writtes doth not runne, and where your commissions out of your court of Chauncerie, or other your courtes, do not take any effect: by meane whereof great sande beddes and grauel heapes be growen and cast vp in the sayde riuer and porte, so that within fewe yeres to come, no shipp of good burden or weight shalbe able to come or resort to your said towne, to the einstimable hurte of the countries therunto adioyning and to the greate damage of this your realme, specially to all persons nedinge sea coles, which be onely conueighed from the sayd port of Newcastel and in no where els had or to be shipped within this your realme.

¶ In consideracion whereof it maye please your highnesse of your moste abundaunte grace with the assente of your lordes spirituall, and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctorite of the same to enacte ordeyne and establysshe that from henseforthe anye marchante or marchants, or any other person or persons shal not shipp, lode or vnlode charge or discharge any maner of goodes, wares or marchaundises to be solde here, within this your realme or els where, in, to, or from any shippe or shipps, or other vessels, in or at anye place or places within the sayd porte, riuer and hauen, betwene the sayd place called the Sparhauke & the said place caled Hedwinstremes, but onely at the said town of Newcastell and no where els vppon peyne of forfaiture of al suche goodes, wares and marchaundises to the kinge our sayde souereigne lorde, and to his heires kinges of Englande, and that it shalbee lefull vnto the mayre, burgesses and comminaltye of the sayde towne of Newcastell, and their successoures, and all other the kinges officers ther for the tyme beynge, for to take and sease all that sayde such forfait goods, wares, and marchandises to the vse of our souerayngn lord the kynge and of his heires, and the value thereof to be answeared in his eschequer

¶ Be it also enacted ordeyned and established by the auctoritye aforesay, that euery owner, fermer and occuppyer of the sayde weyres, gores and engins and euery of the same doe abate, put downe, and put away the same weires, gores & engins, on this side the feast of Ester nert comming. And that no maner person or persons from henseforthe areise, leuie, or make any maner weir, gore, or engin in the sayd hauen betwene the sayde places called Sparhawkes & Hedwynstremes vpon peyne of C.li. of lawful englysh money for euery time they do the cõtrary, wher of ỹ one halfe shalbe to our souerayngne lorde the kinge and the other halfe to him or them that will sue therof by action of dette, byll, plaint or informacion in anye of the kynges

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courtes wherin the partie defendaunt shal not wage his law nor in the action any essoyne, licence, ne protection be allowed.

¶ And further it shalbe lawful at all tymes after the feast of whitsontide next commyng to the Mayre, burgesses and comminalty of ỳ said towne of Newcastell and their successours to abate plucke downe and take away all and euery of the sayde weyres, gores, and Engins that shall bee than founde standynge in any place within the sayd porte and hauen betweene the sayde places of Sparhawke, and Hedwinstremes and that hereafter shal be newly made leuied, and arrered any where within the same without trouble, lette or veracion of any maner person or persons by sute in the lawe or otherwise.

¶ Prouided alway that this act be not preiudicial or hurteful to any persone or persones beynge the kinges subiectes for bynge shippinge lodinge, or vnlodinge of any salte or fishe within the sayd riuer and port or to any of them or to any other person or persons repayrynge to the said port with shippes and marchaundises for sellyng or bying of any wares or marchandises, nedefull for the vitellynge and amendynge of their sayde shippes, at the tyme of their there beyng within the sayd porte: this acte or any thing comprysed in the same not withstandynge.

And acte conceruynge auowries. Cap. xii.

Where as well the noble men of this realme as diuers other persons, by fines recoueries grauntes and secrete feoffemētes and leases, made by their tenauntes, to personnes vnknowen, of the landes, and tenementes, holden of them haue bene put from the knowledg of their tenauntes vpon whom they should by order of the lawe, make their avowries for their rentes customes, & seruices to their great losses & hinderāces.

¶ Be it therfore enacted established, and ordayned, by auctorityе of this present paliament that where so euer any maner landes tenementes, and other hereditamentes be holden by any maner person or persons, by rētes customes or seruices, that if the lorde of whom any suche maner lands tenementes or hereditamētes be so holdē, distrayne vpon the same manours landes or tenementes for any suche rentes, customes, or seruices and repleuine thereof bee sued, that the lorde of whom the same lādes tenementes, or hereditamentes be so holden may avow, or his bayliffe or seruaūt make conisance or iustifie for takynge of the sayd distresses, vppon the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes so holden as in landes or tenementes, within his fee seignory, alleging in the sayde auowrye conisance and iustification the same manoures, landes and tenementes to be holden of him without naminge of any personne certaine to bee tenaunt of the same and without makynge any auowry iustificacion or conisaunce vppon any person certaine. And likewise the lorde bayli, or seruaunt, to make auowrye

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iustificacion or conisaunce, in lyke maner and fourme vppou euerye writte sued of seconde deliueraunce.

And also bee it enacted by ẏ said aucthorite, that euery auowantie, aud enery other personne and personnes that make any suche auowrye iustifycacion or conisaunce, as bailie, or seruaunt to any person or perosnes in any replegiare, or Seconde delyueraunce, for rentes, customes, seruices or for damage faisant, or other rente or rentes, vppon any distresse taken in anye landes, or tenementes, if the same avowrye, conysaunce, iustificacyon bee foūd for thē or the plaintifes in ẏ same be nonsuit or otherwise barred that than they shal recouer theyr damages and costes agaynste the sayde plaintyffes, as the same playntiffes should haue done or had if they had recouered in the replegiare, or second deliueraunce, found agaynst the sayde defēdauntes.

And bee it also ordayned that the sayde plaintiffes and defendauntes in the sayd wryttes of replegiare, or writtes of seconde deliueraunce and in enery of them shal haue lyke plees and lyke ayde & praiers in al such avowries conisaunces, and iustificacions, Pleas of disclaym onely except, as they might haue had before the making of this act & as though the sayd auowri conisaunce, or iustificacion had bene made after the due order of the cōmon lawe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the sayd auctoritye that all such persons as by the order of the commō law may lawfully ioyne to the plaintifes or defendauntes in the sayde writtes of replegiare or Seconde deliueraunce, as well without processe ar by proces, shal fromhenseforth ioyne vnto the said plaintiffes or defendantes, as wel without processe as by processe, & to haue like plees and like aduauntages in al thinges, declaim onely except as they myghte haue done by the order of the common lawe before the makinge of this acte

An act that the president of the kinges counsaile shalbe associate with the Chauncelour and Treasourer of England, and the keper of the kinges priuie seale. Cap. xx.

VUhre at a parliament holdē at westminster in the. iii. yere of the raygne of our late moste drede soueraygne lorde Henrye the. vii. for as much as by ẏ vnlawful maintenances geuing of liueryes, signes. tokens and retaindours, bye indentures promises othes., wrytinges or otherwyse embraceries of his subiectes, vntrewe demeanynge of sheryffes in makynge of panelles, and other vntrewe retournes by taking of money by iuries, and gyeat riottes and vnlawfull assemblies the policye and good rule of this realme was al moste subdewed. And for the punishement of these inconueniences by the occasion of the premisses nothinge or litell myght bee founde by ienquyerye wherby the lawes of the lande in execucion might take littell effect, whiche

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was to the encreaſe of murders, robberies, periuries and vnſuertyes of all men liuinge & loſſes of their landes and goods, to the greate diſpleaſure of almightye god. For reformacion of which premiſſes, it was ordayned and enacted by the auctoritye of the ſayd parliamente amongeſt other thinges that the Chauncellour and Treaſourer of Englande, for the tyme beynge and the keper of the kinges priuie ſeale or .ii. of them, callynge to them a biſhope and a temporall lorde of the kinges moſte honorable counſaile, and the .ii. chiefe iuſtices of the kinges benche, and the common place for the time being, or other .ii. iuſtices in their abſences vppon bill or informaciō put to the ſayd Chauncellour for the king or any other againſt any perſon for any miſbehauinge afore reherſed, would haue auctoritye to call before thē by writte or by priuie ſeale the ſayd miſdoers. And they, and other by their diſcrecion by whom the truthe myght be knowen to examine. And ſuche as they ſhould finde defectyue to puniſh them after their demerites after the fourme and effecte of ſtatutes there of made, in lyke maner and fourme as they ſhould and ought to be puniſhed if they were therof conuicte after the dewe order of the law as by the ſame ſtatute amonge other thinges now plainlye dothe apere. Neuertheleſſe in the ſame good and profitable eſtatute the preſidente of the kinges moſt honorable counſaile for the tyme beyng, attendinge vpon his moſt noble and royall perſon is omitted and not named in the ſayde former ſtatutes, made in the .iii. yere of the reygne of kinge Henry the viii. to be one of the ſayd perſons that ſhould haue auctoritye to call before them ſuch miſdoers ſo offending the kinges lawes in any of the premiſes as is before reherſed.

Be it therfore now by the auctoritye of this preſent parliamente ordeined, and enacted, that from henſforthe the Chauncellour, Treaſourer of Englande, and the preſidente of the kinges moſte honorable counſaile, attendinge vpon his moſte honorable perſone, for the tyme beyng, and keper of the kinges priuie ſeale or two of them callynge vnto them one biſhoppe, and one temporall lorde of the kinges moſte honorable counſaile, and the two chiefe iuſtices of the kinges bench and the common place for the time beyng or other two of the kinges iuſtices in their abſence vppon anye bill or informacion hereafter to be put to the chauncellour of Englande, Treaſorer preſidente of the kinges ſayde moſte honorable counſaile or keper of the kinges priuie ſeale for the tyme beyng, for any miſdehauinge before reherſed, from henſeforthe haue full power and auctoritye to call before them by writte or priuie ſeale, ſuch miſdoers and them and other by their diſcretion by whom the truthe may be knowen, to examine. And ſuche as they ſhall fynde defectyue, to puniſhe theim after their demerites after the fourme and effecte of the ſayd former eſtatute and of al other ſtatutes thereof tofore made, and not repelled and erpyred in lyke maner & fourme as they ſhoulde and ought to be puniſhed, if they were thereof conuicted after due order of the kinges lawes.

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And also be it enacted by auctority of this present parliamente that the President of the kinges sayd moste honorable counsaile for the time beyng if he be than present may be at al times hereafter associate with the Chaūcellour, Treasorer of England, and keper of the kinges priuie seale for the tyme beyng as well at the naminge of sheriffes and settinge of pryses of wines, as at all other actes limitted, and appoynted by any statute to bee done by ỳ said chauncellour, and Treasorer, or keper of ỳ kings priuie seale for the tyme beyng. Any acte, statute, or vse hereto fore made or vsed to ỳ contrarye notwithstandinge.

An acte for Yermouthe concerninge makinge of worstedes. Cap. xxi.

Where at a parlyament holden at London the .xv. day of April in the .xiiii. yere of our soueraign lord the king that now is & from thense adiourned to westminster the last daye of July in the .xv. yere of our said soueraigne lord, & ther ended It was ordained, enacted & established that the craftes mē, called worstede weauers inhabited in ỳ town of great Yarmouth, should haue power and auctorite by that act, from thense forward to electe and chose yerely for euer on the mondaye nert after ỳ feast of Penthecoste, one honest man of the misterye and occupacion of worstede weauers being an householder within the sayde towne of greate Yarmouthe and hauing of his propre goodes and cattels, to the value of ten pounde at the leaste, or landes or tenementes to his owne vse of estate of freeholde at the least to the clere yerely value of .xx.s. to bee wardaine of the same crafte & misterye, of worstede weauers for the nerte yere Ensuinge, whiche man so elected and chosen, shoulde personally apere before the mayor of the citye of Norwiche for the tyme beynge, the mondaye nerte after the feaste of Corpus christy than nert ensuinge, than and there to be sworne and charged by like othe, concernyng the true and substancial makyng of worstedes, saies and stamins, within the said towne of great Yarmouth, as the four wardeines of the sayde citye of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of parliamente made in the .vii. yere of king Edward the fourthe were charged & sworne for the same citye of Norwiche. And if the sayde maire happened to be absent the sayd mundaye nert after Corpus christie, or els than refused to receiue or take the said othe, then the saide warden so elect within .iiii. daies nerte after the same monday shoulde come before the bailiffes of the sayde towne of great Yarmouth for the time being or before on of thē the other beyng absent and than and there receiue a corporall othe for the true exercisinge of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be geuen to the saide wardains of the saide citye of Norwiche. And than the sayd wardaine of the said towne of great Yarmouth for the tyme beynge, so electe and sworne might ordeine and appoynte a-

seale with this letter .y. to be grauen in the same seale & myghte haue full power and auctoritye, to viewe, serche, seale, & seale in leade with the same seale, so to be appoynted and engrauen and none other, al worstedes, saies, and stamins within the sayde towne of Yarmouthe, and suburbes of the same, made or to be made & not els where. in as large and ample maner, as the sayd wardens of the said citye of Norwich and the wardens of the countie of Norff. or any of them had within the sayde citie or countie, or in any wyse maye dooe in that behalfe by auctoritye or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the sayde. viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. anye thinge in the same contayned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And that no personne, inhabited within the sayde towne of great Yermouthe or suburbes thereof, should weaue anye worstedes, sayes, or stamins, within the same towne, excepte he bee an Englishe man borne, and had bene apprentice to the sayde occupacion, and without he weaued ther such prope markes as should be limitted and appoynted by the sayd wardeyn of the sayde towne for the tyme beynge, electe and swore as is afore sayde, vpon peyne of forfayture thereof to the kinge our soueraigne lorde. And that euery warden of the sayd towne should limitte distinct and seuerall markes to euery of the sayd worstede weauers of the sayde towne, of great Yarmouth. And the same markes by ẏ said warden to be regestred in a boke And also it was further enacted, that if, and whan so euer the towne of Lynne should be inhabited with. x. sundrie householders or more numbre of householders, exercisinge and vsinge the sayd crafte, or misterye of worstede weauers, then and from thensefoorthe, that is to saye as longe as the same towne of Linne should be inhabited with ẏ numbre of. x. such householders, at the leaste, it shoulde be lawfull to the same inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Lynne yerely in the monday nexte after the feaste of Penthecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardeine of the sayd craft and misterie of worstede weauers to be of the value in lands and goodes as is aforesaid of ẏ wardeine of Yarmouth. which warden so elect should yerely be swore and charged at the sayde citie of Norwiche in like maner and at like day as is before limitted to the wardeins of yarmouth: or in defaute of the sayde Mayre of Norwiche, then the sayde wardeine so to bee electe for the sayd towne of Linne, to take a corporal othe before the Mayre of the sayde towne of Linne within suche time and after suche fourme as is before limitted vnto the sayd wardeine of Yarmouth.

¶ And that the sayde wardeine of the sayde towne of Linne for the tyme beynge, so electe and swore by hym selfe myghte ordeyne and appoynte a seale with this letter. L. to be grauen in the same seale, & mighte haue full power and auctoritye to viewe, serche, seale, & seale in leade, with the same seale so to bee grauen, and with none other, al worstedes. saies, & stamins within the sayd towne of Linne, and suburbes of the same made or to bee made, and not ells where, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardeine of the sayde citye of Norwiche, and wardeine of the sayde countye of

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Norff or anye of theym had within the sayde citye or countye or otherwyse myght dooe by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesayd acte made in the sayd viii. yere of king Edwarde the fourthe, Anythinge contained in the same acte to the contrary not withstanding. And that no person inhabited within the sayd towne of Linne or the suburbes therof should make any worstedes saies or stamins within the same towne excepte he were Englishe borne, and had bene aprentice to the same occupacion and without he weaued therein suche propre marke, as shoulde be limitted and appoynted by the sayd wardein of the same towne of Linne for the tyme beynge, vppon peyne of forfaiture thereof to the king our soueraigne lord. ¶ And that euerye gardeine of the sayde towne shoulde limitt distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the sayd worstede weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd wardeine to be regestred in a booke

¶ And it was further enacted that from ỹ feast of saint Michael the archaungell than next folowinge vnto suche time as the sayd towne of Lyn should be inhabited with the said numbre of ten householders of the said craft of worstede weauers and alwayes after whan that numbre of ten householders shoulde happen to fayle and not bee inhabited in the sayde towne of Linne, the sayde wardeines of the sayde citye of Norwiche and their successours, would procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardeines of the sayde crafte of the sayde countye of Norff. personally to come and be euery .xxviii. day. from and after the sayd feast of sainte Michaell the archaungell, in, and to the sa d towne of Lin, or within vi. daies nexte after euery suche .xxviii. day. And there to continue and abyde by so longe time as he myght serche and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stamins, made in the same towne of Lin, as then shoulde be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole day. And the same inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the same towne of Linne beynge, should contente and paye the sayde wardeine of Norwiche or Norffolcke, whiche shoulde so come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviii. daye, or within the vi, dayes nexte after the sayde .xx viii daye, for his costes and expences for euerye tyme that he should so come to Lyn betwene the feastes of saint Michaell the archaungell, and the Annunciacion of our ladye saunte Marye .iii.s. And for euerye time that he shoulde so cone to the sayd towne of Linne betwene the feast of the annunciacion of our lady and the feaste of saynte Michaell the araungell .ii.s. And if the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayde towne of Linne did not contente and paye the sayd wardeyn commynge to Linne, in fourme aforesaid, for his sayde costes and charges the said .iii.s or ii.s.a.s as is aboue limitted than the same inhabitants should forfaite and paye to the sayd wardaine or to his executours for euery such default of payment .xl.s. And if none of the sayd wardaines of Norwich and Norfolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesaide in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayd wardeins of the sayde citie of Norwiche shoulde forfaite and paye to the sayde inhabitauntes of

Lynne of the sayde misterye of worstede weauers for euery suche defaute xl.s. for recompence of which penaltie and forfaitures the said wardeines of Norwiche or Norfolke bringe therunto entitled by that acte, bye his proper name, with this addition that is to saye Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper vnius gardianorum artis siue misterie textorum panni sanei vocat. worsted. in ciuitate Norwici vel comitat. Norff. as the truth requireth should & might haue actiō of dette, by writte, bill, or playnte, in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme, againste the inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayde misterye for the tyme beynge by their sundry proper names. And the sayd inhabitauntes by their said names with this addicion, Textorum panni sanei vocat. worstedes inhabitantes ville de Lynne, should and might haue like actions of det againste the said wardeines of Norwich by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum saneorū vocat. worstedes infra ciuitatē Norwici, vel com Norff. to be vsed to good congruities of laten, and fourme of the lawes of this realme In whiche actions or anye of them, none essoyne, protection, or wager of law should be suffered or allowed. And that the perticuler bodies or goods of any of the sayd wardens or inhabitauntes beyng condemned in any of the sayde actions shoulde and myghte be put in execution after suche maner and fourme as is vsed in actione of dett by course of the common law of this realme. And moreouer it was enacted that all clothes of worstedes saies and stamins made within any of ỳ said townes of Lynne and great Yermouth or suburbes of the same or any of thē and marked with suche markes as shoulde be limitted to the makers by the sayde wardens of the sayd towne in maner and fourme as is aboue sayde. And viewed and sealed by any of the wardeines of the sayd townes of Lin and Yermouth in fourme remēbred, by force and vertue of the said act might be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same without any other marking or sealing vppon the same clothes, or vppon any of them to be had or made of or vppon any of the sayd clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes. Any thinge conteined in the sayde. viii. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourthe to the contrary notwithstanding. And ouer this it was enacted that euery craftes man of the sayd misterye and occupacion of worstede makinge, dwellynge within anye the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth and suburbes of the same at theyr owne free wills and libertyes from thensforthe for euer myghte haue and take apprentice or apprentices beyng male, of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde & beyng the kinges natural subiectes, for terme of. viii. yeres and not vnder so that none of them exceede the numbre of two at ones to lerne vse and exercise the sayde craste within eyther of the saide two townes of Lyn and greate yermouthe and suburbes of the same. All bee it the father of the sayd apprentice or apprētices mighte not expend in landes and tenemētes to the yerely value of xx. s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstādinge.

¶ Prouided alway that ỳ same act nor any thing therein contained should not

not in any wyse be hurtefull or preiudiciall to the mayre of Norwich, or to his successor to the wardenes of the sayd citye or coũty, or to their successors, in any poincte, article, power, or auctority, other thã for weauing, serchinge, and sealing of the worstedes, sayes, and stamins, made or to bee made onely within the sayd towne of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them. And for lymitting of markes to the markers of worsteds, sayes, and stamines, onely inhabited in either the sayde townes or suburbes therof, and taking of apprentices in fourme aboue remembred; But that the sayde Maire of the sayde citye of Norwiche, and wardeines of the same citye and countye, and euery of them might haue and vse all other poinctes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteined and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayd seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the serche, sealinge, correction, & reformation of the sayd wardeins, dewly to be electe by vertue of the same act and euery of them, according and after such fourme as they might doe or vse, any of the sayd wardene of the sayd City or county, by force of the sayd acte made in the sayd. vii. yere of kinge Edward the fourth, as all and euery other enqueries, corrections, serchinges, sealinges, and reformacions to be had for trewe makinge of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, in and vpon any person or persons, as well within the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, as without, without trouble, let or veration of any of the inhabitantes of the sayde towns, in as large & ample wise as they myghte haue done before the making of the sayde acte, any thinge conteined in the same acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And also it was further prouided and enacted. that the sayd crafts mẽ of worstede weauers, inhabited or after that to be inhabited, within either of the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons, which shoulde happen to bye of the same crafts men, or any of thẽ, or of any other person, any of the saide clothes of worstedes, saies, stamins, made or to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Linne and Yarmouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same townes to be elect and sworne as is aforesayd.

And any of them should not shire, die, or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes, stamins, or sayes, made or after that to be made within eyther of the sayd townes of Linne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the sayde Citye of Norwiche or suburbes of the same, vpon peine of forfayture of euery peece of worstede sayes, or stamins, to be made within anye of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yarmouth, or suburbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, died coloured, or kalendred, by anye of the sayde crafte men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the sayde Citye of Norwich or suburbes of the same, the one halfe therof to be to ỳ king our soueraign lorde, and the other halfe to suche person or persons as shoulde sease the same, so that the sayde worstedes brought to the sayde citye of Norwiche

to be shorne died, coloured, and kalendred without couine or craste of any of the said inhabitauntes and machauntes might be shorne, died, coloured and kalendred, at and by as conueniente price or prices, & in as redye wise as the sayde inhabitauntes of either of the sayde townes of Lin, and Yarmouthe and marchauntes, byers of the sayde worstedes, or other of the sayde citie and countye had in times paste or after that shoulde haue and also that the same inhabitauntes and marchauntes, and euery of them so bringing the said worstedes to the same citie to bee shorne, died, coloured, and kalendred, were reasonably and lawfully entreated, according to the sayde acte made in the sayde .vii. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourthe and the ordinaunces made and affermed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the sayde mistery without lett or disturbance contrary to the same act, or ordinaunces in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted that no person or persons at any time after that should conuey or transporte into any of the partyes of beyond the sea, any maner of clothes of worstedes before the same clothes were shorne, died, coloured, and kalendred vpon peyne of forfaiture the value therof, the one halfe to the king our soueraygn lord and the other halfe thereof to the partye that will sue thereof by action or playnte of dette in any of the kinges courtes: In which action or sute, no protection or essoyne should be allowed, nor the offendour admitted to wage his law as by the said act therof made more plainly appeare the whiche acte was made to endure vnto y next parliament whereby it is now expired.

¶ In consideration wherof and for as muche as the same acte is a good & necessarie act for their true making of worstedes saies and stamins and very cõmodious and profitable for the encrease of the sayd townes of Yermouth and Linne. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, that the same acte and euerye article sentence, and prouision therein contained from the first day of this present parliament be and stand in ful strengthe, vertue, and effecte, and to endure vnto the last ende of the nexte parliament, any thinge in the same acte contained to the contrary not withstanding.

God saue the Kynge.